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SKILFUL CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN NAVY AND AIRCRAFT REASON FOR TREMENDOUS SUCCESS OF BATTLE OF IONIAN SEA

Thrilling Story Of Action Told: British Cruisers Outnumbered

IT IS REVEALED, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE, THAT BUT FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE THE BATTLE OF THE IONIAN SEA, IN WHICH THE ITALIAN FLEET SUFFERED A CRUSHING DEFEAT, MIGHT NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE WHEN IT DID. BRITISH PLANES ON ROUTINE RECONNAISSANCE PATROL FIRST SPOTTED THE ENEMY.

The following ships took part in the battle:—
British—H.M.S. WARSPITE (Flag Capt. Fisher) (flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham), H.M.S. VALIANT (Capt. Morgan), H.M.S. BARHAM (Flag Capt. Cooke), H.M. aircraft-carrier FORMIDABLE (Flag Capt. Bissett), four cruisers, H.M.S. ORION (Flag Capt. Back), H.M.S. AJAX (Capt. McCarthy) (of River Plate fame), H.M.S. PERTH (Capt. Sir P. W. Bowyer-Smith) (of the Royal Australian Navy), H.M.S. GLOUCESTER (Flag Capt. Rowley) and some destroyers.

Italian—Three battleships (one of the LITTORIO class of 35,000 tons, and two of the CAURO class, of 24,000 tons), 11 cruisers and 14 destroyers. One of the battleships was the most powerful ship of the Italian Fleet.

The speed of the Italian ships was equal to that of the British whose cruisers were outnumbered by 11 to four.

STATE OF GRAVE CRISIS NOW EXISTS BETWEEN GERMANY AND YUGOSLAVIA

According to a London message, quoting a report from German sources in Belgrade it was being freely said in Berlin yesterday that a STATE OF GRAVE CRISIS NOW EXISTS BETWEEN GERMANY AND YUGOSLAVIA.

German officials pointed out that the fact that the departures of the German Minister from Belgrade and the Yugoslav Minister from Berlin had been found necessary could both be regarded as an indication of the gravity of the situation.

U.S. LOVE FOR FREE FRENCH MOVEMENT

A message from Sydney yesterday revealed that Rear-Admiral Newton, Commander of the U.S. Naval Squadron which visited Australia recently, and which was reported to have been in Tahiti on Monday, sent a message to the Governor-General of the Free French in French Oceania, expressing his sympathy with the Free French movement.

Mr. A. W. Fadden, the Acting Prime Minister of Australia, stated yesterday that the visit of the U.S. Squadron to Tahiti is regarded in Australia as an example of the deep-rooted love the Americans have for the Free French movement.

The Australian Parliament is expected to hold a number of all-night sittings this week and may continue another week to clear up the present programme before the Session, states a message from Sydney.

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MR. MATSUOKA

ROME, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, had luncheon with King Victor Emmanuel today, at which Signor Mussolini, Count Ciano, the Japanese Ambassador and members of the Commission which accompanied Mr. Matsuoka, were present.

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Russia is closing down her Legation and Consulate in Oslo, according to the Stockholm newspaper, Tidningen, quoted by the Nazi controlled Copenhagen Wireless. No reasons are given but preparations to depart have been going on for some time, it is stated.

A naval correspondent, commenting on this, said: "This is the sort of disparity that Admiral Cunningham likes. I know because I was on his Staff."

CO-OPERATION VALUE

In the past five months the British Navy has damaged two Littorio class battleships, two Cavour class battleships, three cruisers, and three and possibly four destroyers of the Italian fleet, said Major Oliver Stewart, aeronautical expert, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the value of the co-operation between the British air and sea forces in the Battle of Crete which took place on Friday.

Major Stewart said that against these results the British have only lost four aircraft.

This was remarkable testimony to the amount of damage aircraft can do when properly used. Aircraft to be used properly must be used in co-operation and in conjunction with other weapons.

In the Battle of Crete the torpedo aeroplane had slowed down the Italian warships and the big battleships had finished them.

TWO REASONS

Two reasons for the supreme importance of the British Mediterranean victory were given by a naval officer in London, says Reuter.

It was, he said, the first time that skilful co-ordination of naval operation with aircraft attacks had resulted in the enemy's speed being so reduced that the British main fleet was able to force action upon the reluctant enemy.

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WOP MOTOR TRANSPORTS BOMBED

On Monday, the R.A.F. successfully bombed Italian troops and motor transports in the central sector of the Albanian front, states a London message. All our aircraft returned safely.

The successful offensive by the Greeks against the Italians in Albania is continuing and in a surprise attack 200 Italians were killed and wounded and 204 captured.

GUNS FOR GREECE

A quantity of French guns, stored in North Carolina, are to be shipped immediately to Greece together with other supplies, states a London message.

The Times Now 3d. Per Copy

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—As a result of war-time conditions, THE TIMES newspaper will be sold at 3d. per copy instead of 2d.

The increase becomes operative on Apr. 7. The Times explains to readers that war-time conditions demanded first a reduction in the size of the newspaper—which has already been effected—and a reduction in the number of copies printed.

Difficulty has been experienced in curtailing public demand for this famous newspaper, hence the price has been increased with this object in view.

A similar increase was imposed in Mar. 1918, operative one year thereafter.

Italians, Nazis Arrested In Costa Rica For Setting Fire To Two Ships

Following on the United States seizure of Axis ships in American territorial waters, 53 Italians and 48 Germans were arrested in Costa Rica for setting fire to two ships, states a London message. The Mexican Government has taken 12 ships into custody.

NO PROTEST YET

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—No protest has yet been received either directly or by way of the United States, according to authoritative quarters in London with regard to the incident with four French merchantmen which forced the British contraband control in the Mediterranean on Sunday, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns this morning.

"AN OPEN SCANDAL": "TSE-FA" RACKET ASSUMES GIGANTIC PROPORTIONS: STRINGENT ACTION URGED BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS, in its issue of Feb. 6, drew the attention of Government to one of the biggest rackets which was being, more or less, openly conducted in Hongkong and which possessed such strong financial backing that it could afford to sneer at the ridiculously low fines imposed on those members who happened to be arrested.

Armoured Formations Now From Overseas

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The possibility of a German invasion of England still remains, declared General Sir Alan Brooke, who directs Britain's home defence, addressing Canadian staff officers "somewhere in Britain."

Gen. Brooke added: "If invasion occurs, it will not be only by infantry, but by armoured fighting vehicles. Free in the country, it is hard to catch and dispose of, and the only way to meet it is with another armoured force."

SITUATION HEALTHIER

"This we are developing. The situation is steadily growing healthier, and now you are bringing armoured formations from overseas. I do not believe Hitler had planned for 1940, and therefore, was not so well prepared as he would be now."

"The next attempt will probably be by seaborne and airborne troops."

This same subject, 'tse-fa,' was referred to by the HON. MR. W. N. THOMAS TAM when, in the course of his speech at the Budget Debate held on Feb. 20, he said: "THE SUPPRESSION OF GAMBLING, PARTICULARLY OF 'TSE-FA' LOTTERIES, WHICH ARE FAST BECOMING AN OPEN SCANDAL... FORM THE LIST WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT."

MODUS OPERANDI

The modus operandi of this racket was fully set out in the previous article, and need not, therefore, be repeated. Suffice it to say that bets are made through depots and agents and that zero hour was ten minutes before the time set for "opening" of the lottery, thereby giving the organisers sufficient time to ascertain the amounts staked on each character and so manipulate the "opening," that the number "opened" has invariably been that on which the least amount has been staked. On the other hand, the winning character was announced within five minutes of the "opening."

The futility of, not to say the farcical results obtained from, the numerous raids conducted by the Police authorities could be seen from the fact that in nearly every case the bail demanded—whether it be \$10 or \$250—by the Police was produced, despite the fact that the majority of those arrested usually claimed to be UNEMPLOYED. Bail put up has, in every case, been extracted.

The same contempt for fines has been shown by those who, for one reason or the other, have been unable to furnish bail at the time of arrest. As a Detective-Sergeant once remarked to a Magistrate: "WHATEVER FINE YOUR WORSHIP MAY IMPOSE, IT WILL BE PAID."

SUICIDE WAVE FEARED

Inquiries made by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter revealed that, far from abating, this syndicate has now assumed such gigantic proportions that, if more stringent steps are not taken to suppress it soon, it may be the cause of a suicide wave far surpassing that in the days of the Shumchun casino. As a matter of fact, it has been openly stated that many of the recent suicides could safely be laid at the doors of this latest addition to Hongkong's already long list of rackets.

Clerks, businessmen, bus-drivers and conductors, rickshaw coolies, hawkers, Chinese sailors, shop assistants, housewives, and even schoolboys and girls have fallen easy victims to this get-rich-quick (for the organisers) form of gambling. Old and young, rich and poor, educated or of the country-bumpkin type, have all been bitten by the 'tse-fa' bug.

It appears that not even Chinese temples are immune against the attack of this bug. For a printed form shown our reporter was alleged to have been issued by a well-known Chinese temple in the form of a "charity" or the interpretation of a god's message. Many housewives having lost all the house-keeping money, resort to pawnshop jewellery without Continued Page 7, Col. 7.

New Type Of Bombs Dropped On Emden

CONCENTRATED POWER OF DESTRUCTION

Bombs of a new type, with a tremendous concentrated power of destruction, were used by bombers of the Royal Air Force when they raided Emden on Monday night, states an Air Ministry communique quoted in a London message.

Masses of debris were seen flying through the air outlined against the glow of fires and the results appeared to be devastating.

The docks at Emden were also attacked and, according to one pilot, he saw buildings "take to the air."

Bremervarden, Oldenburg and the petrol harbour of Rotterdam were also visited.

DESTROYER HIT

On Monday, Blenheim bombers scored two hits on an enemy destroyer off the Frisian Islands and she was last seen at a list.

The planes also flew over enemy occupied territory and bombed and machine-gunned German troops on parade causing heavy casualties. Two Blenheims are missing.

SHARP RAID

Bombs were dropped in a town on the N. E. coast of Britain on Monday night. The raid was sharp though not of long duration and was not on a large scale. There were a number of casualties and considerable damage was caused.

Other areas in England and South Wales were also attacked but casualties were few and damage was not heavy.

London was free from bombs for the 11th night.

CRASHED IN FLAMES

A German bomber crashed in flames in the Midlands yesterday morning, states a London message. Several unexploded heavy bombs were found close by.

155 DOWNED

It is revealed that during the first three months this year 155 enemy planes were shot down over Britain while the Fighter Command lost 41 for the same period which gives a balance of 4 to 1 in our favour. This is even better than during the Battle of Britain last year when between Aug. 8 and Oct. 31 the Germans lost 2,375 planes in daylight.

The latest thriller, "Battle of Britain," by H. St. G. Saunders, is being printed in 12 foreign languages.

JAPANESE FAIL AT FISHERY AUCTIONS

TOKYO, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—A Japanese fishery interest failed to secure seven fishery lots in Siberian waters previously leased by them in fishery auctions held by the Soviet Far East Fishery Administration Board in Vladivostok yesterday, the successful bids instead made by Russian fishery interests.

The number of lots now leased by Japanese interests totals 342 as against 345 held last year. Soviet lots are now 395 as against 390 previously acquired by Soviet interests.

In the World of Sports

BISLEY MEET OPENS Rajputana Rifles Win Norton Cup

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association was commenced yesterday at the Kowloon City Rifle Ranges, the principal event on the programme being the Light Automatic Match for the Norton Cup, presented by the former Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

Shooting of a high standard was witnessed in this event, No. 1 Section of "D" Company, 5/7th Rajputana Rifles winning by a big margin. The competition attracted 34 teams.

The light yesterday was very good. Keen competition was seen also in the first two rounds of the Filling Plate match.

On the programme for this morning is the Company Match. There will be no competition in the afternoon, this having been set aside originally for completion of any competition that would have been postponed.

THE RESULTS THE NORTON CUP

Light Automatic Match
1. No. 1 Sec. "D" Coy. 5/7 R. Regt. 96; 2. Drums. H.Q. Coy. 1st Mdx. Regt. 67; 3. No. 7 Sec. "D"

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING, 1941

Races Nos. 7 and 11—Second Day—Coolgardie Stakes

Attention is drawn to the conditions of the above races, which should read as follows:—

COOLGARDIE STAKES.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$500. Third \$300. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About 1 Mile 171 Yards).

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Coolgardie Stakes (Races Nos. 7 and 11). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections by a Draw.

Ponies that are entered for this race are barred from entering for the Rosehill Stakes, Races Nos. 5 or 8 on the 1st Day.

In the event of there being less than 21 Entries for this race, only one section will be run.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 12th, and Monday, 14th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 3rd April 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Open Singles Tournament

HOLDER WINS IN STRAIGHT SETS

Three singles matches in the Open Tennis tournament were decided yesterday but in none of them did the play reach a high standard.

S. A. Rumjahn, holder, had little difficulty in eliminating Lieutenant Shields-Goodman in the straight sets of 6-1, 6-2. Goodman showed a well-controlled backhand but he was palpably weak on the other hand.

Rumjahn revealed glimpses of his best form. Though he was never extended there were moments when he was made to run from side to side.

GOULD DEFEATED

Though the scores of 6-1, 6-3 indicated an easy passage, Choa's form in defeating T. J. Gould was by no means very convincing, while Pang Ol-lam's wide repertoire of strokes proved too much for Wei Chung whom he beat by 6-1, 6-1.

CLUB MATCHES

Results of Club tournaments matches were as follows:—
H.C.A.P. SINGLES: V. R. Gordon beat F. W. Carter 6-3, 6-1; G. W. Sewell beat H. C. D. Knight 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; T. C. Mongshan walked over from A. T. Dow.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is today's programme:—

Doubles: Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Yip v. B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow; I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu v. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn.

CLUB MATCHES

Championship: G. W. Sewell v. C. H. R. Oxlade; R. E. Guest v. Stirling Lee; T. J. Gould v. M. Pagh.

Head Singles: H. van Leeuwen v. H. J. Armstrong.

H.K.F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the H.K.F.A. will be held at the Association's Office on Wednesday, April 9, at 5.30 p.m.

Business:—Minutes of Council meeting No. 9; Minutes of League Management Committee Meeting No. 13; Minutes of Emergency Sub-Committee No. 8; Minutes of Referees' Sub-Committee Meeting No. 2; Accounts; Macau Interport; Any other business.

Second Division: Navy v. Kit Chee (Causeway Bay), 3 p.m.
R.A.S.C. v. Sing Tao (Sookunpo), 4.30 p.m., Club v. 30th R.A. Third Division: Signals v. 55th R.A. (Sookunpo), 3 p.m., 7th R.A. v. A.S.A. (Caroline Hill), 3 p.m., 36th R.A. v. 20th R.A. (Military), 3 p.m., Shell v. R.A.F. (Caroline Hill), 4.30 p.m. Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final, Scotland v. England (Boundary Street), 3.30 p.m.

Lovelock Thinks Olympics Will Be Dropped

LONDON.—A prediction that the Olympic Games are a thing of the past and that a meeting of the British Commonwealth of Nations, similar to the British Empire Games, will take their place is made by Jack Lovelock, the former world mile record holder and winner of the 1,500 metres in the Berlin Olympics in 1936.

"The Olympic Games are in all probability a thing of the past," says Lovelock, writing in the sporting Life. "After experience of two of them I have been definitely against them, as bringing out certainly not the best in the game, whatever the athletes show."

Lovelock urges the continuance of international sports because they give men confidence and experience, and, adequately controlled, do good for the sport. He thinks the most important international sports are going to be those known as the Empire Games.

Mr. A. P. Herbert stated recently that "nowadays we correct ourselves with difficulty to speak not of the Empire, but of the British Commonwealth of Nations. So the name of the games would have to be changed." He suggests "The British Games."

Lovelock urges the authorities to plan now. He suggests they could be held every four years, as now, and in the intervening years the already existing Empire and U.S.A. match previously held immediately after the Olympics should be elaborated.

Lovelock realises that it is not going to be a very easy thing, and he enumerates some of the difficulties to be overcome.

The strain that will be imposed on athletes from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, who will have to compete in Australia, New Zealand or South Africa after a hard season at home; and the time and cost of travelling—it will mean four months and \$200 for a man to run in the Antipodes—are two of the chief obstacles.

But the advantages are numerous, not the least being that the same basic idea—having the time, let records come if they must.



The Royal Navy football team which defeated Eastern to enter the final of the Senior Soccer Shield competition. — (Sun Ying Ming Studio).

KARPOVICH WINS CHESS TITLE

L. Karpovich, by defeating E. Zimmern at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, won the Colony Chess championship obtaining 8½ points out of nine.

Zimmern played the Indian Defence to the Queen's Standard and had the worse of the game from the start.

Karpovich was held to a draw by K. Weiss.

In a Junior Championship match, also played yesterday, To Yu-lau defeated Un Kwai-yung.

GOLF RESULTS

The Stableford Competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club to be held at Fanling on March 29 was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

S.C.M.P. COMPETITION: Capt. J. Reidy (16) and H. W. Belsley (20) 2 up each and will play off. Other results: Surg.-Lieut.-Comdr. H. L. Cleave (16) and F. A. M. Elliott (20) 1 up. There were 176 entries.

The summer swimming season at the European Y.M.C.A. commenced yesterday when the Pool was reopened.

AUSSIE BATSMAN SETS UP A WORLD RECORD

Arthur Morris, opening batsman for New South Wales, established a new world cricket record when playing against Queensland on the Sydney cricket ground last month, when he became the first batsman to score a century in each innings on his first appearance in a first-class match.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

Classification Lists Alterations

Alterations and additions to classification lists dated Mar. 23, 1941, are as follows:—

AUSTRALIAN PONIES
Many Thanks, Vanity Fair to A Class, The Nineteenth Hole to C, Balatod to D, Nancy Lee to E.

CHINA PONIES
Velvetlight to A Class, Eve of Grandeur to B, Night Express, Peaceful View, Rob Roy, Smashing Through, So Nice to C.

R.A.S.C. DRAW

Royal Army Service Corps lost a valuable point in the race for championship honours in the Second Division of the League when they shared two goals with South China at Sookunpo yesterday.

He scored a polished 143 out of New South Wales' 510 runs in their first innings and followed this up with another fine innings of 111.

The record was made absolute after cricket statisticians had gone into many a huddle and authorities in other Australian states had been consulted by telegram.

Had it not been for the addendum into which cricket has been thrown by the war, Morris would have taken his place with Australia's batting masters this season. In the days of peace he would have won the right to an emerald green cap of the Australian Test eleven.

His mastery of Queensland's bowling rested on technique and not on virile power. When his cover shots and hooks skimmed over the grass to the fence, their velocity came from rare timing.

For Morris the field had to move fast and mostly in vain. Associated with Morris in a record-breaking New South Wales' opening partnership was Mort Cohen, who scored 118 which included 60 singles.

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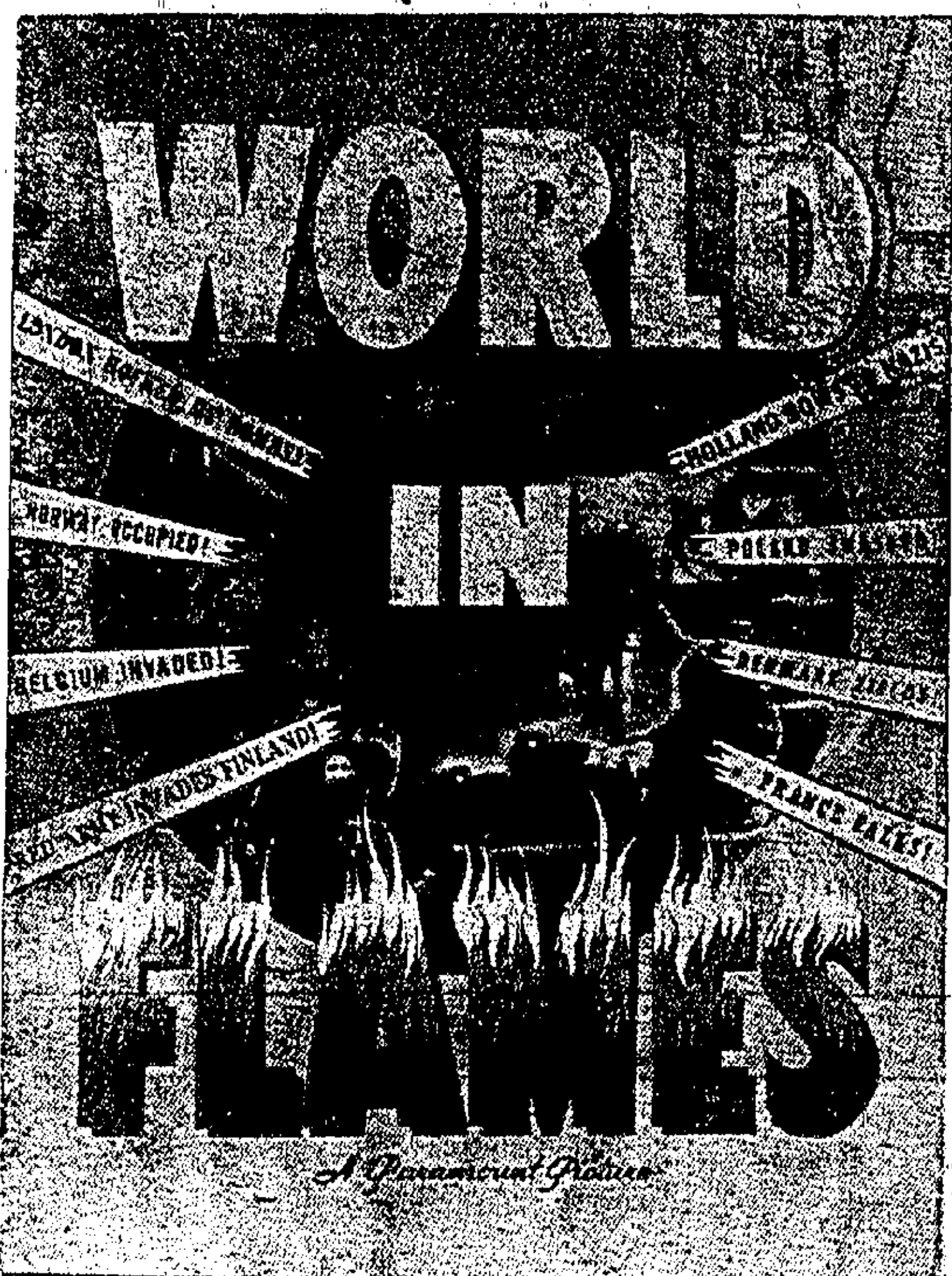
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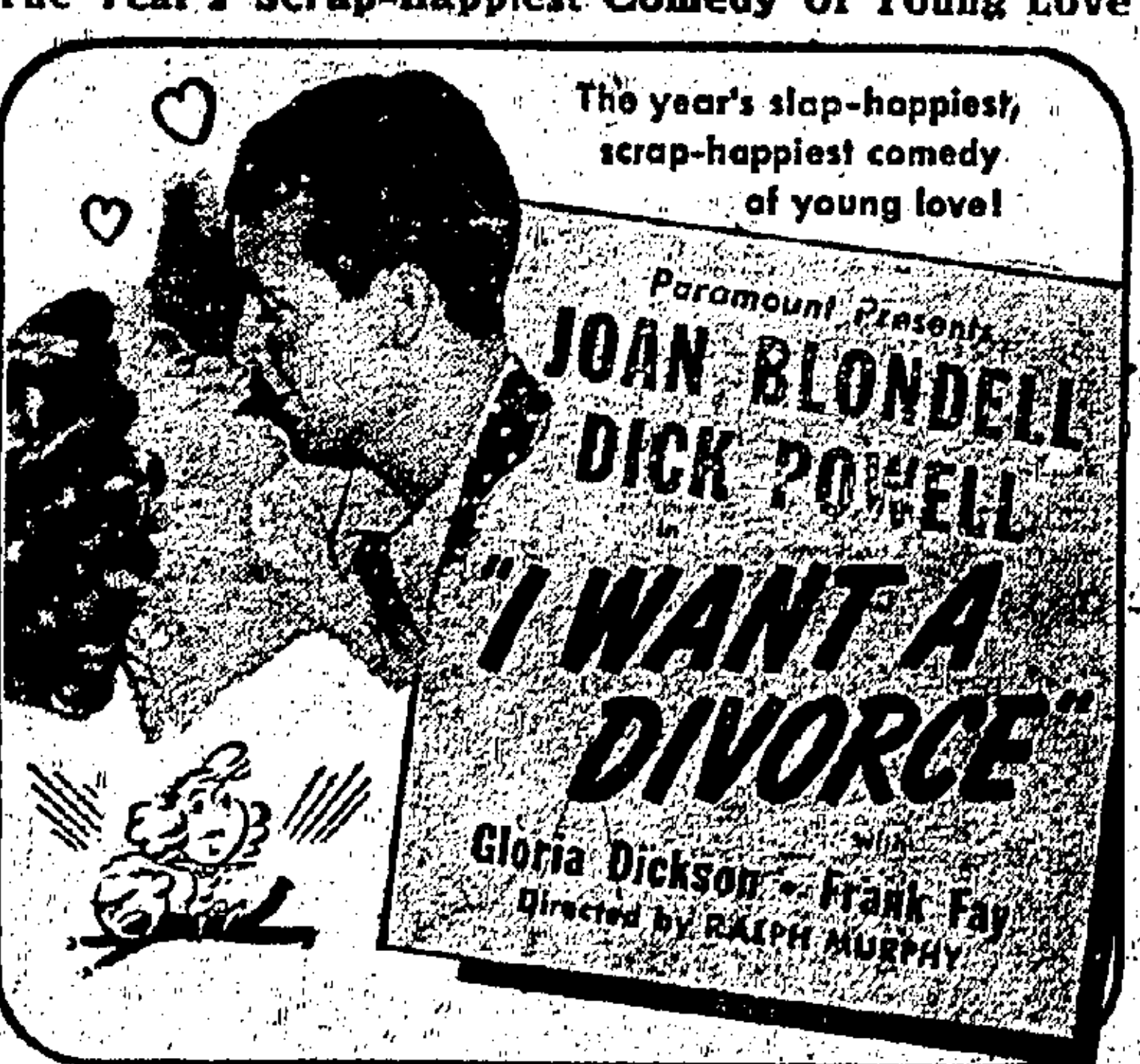
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COMING EVENTS

2-Tides: High 12.30 a.m. and 11.49 p.m. Low 5.42 a.m. and 7.18 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.15 a.m.; Sunset: 6.39 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church Group Discussion, Miss J. E. Taylor on "Poetry in Hongkong," 8.30 p.m.

Premiere Performance of "Pastor Hall," Lee Theatre, 9.30 p.m.
Lecture: Dr. G. E. Winfield on "The Epidemiology of the Faecal borne diseases in a North China Village," H.K. University, 5 p.m.
Meeting of H.K. Amateur Cinema Club, West Lounge, Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Annual Lenten Mission, Catholic Cathedral, 8 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Intercession and Discussion, 5.30 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.
Y.W.C.A. Finance Campaign Meeting, 6.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Swimming Meeting, 6.30 p.m.

3-Tides: High 1.27 a.m. and 12.24 p.m. Low 5.58 a.m. and 7.24 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.14 a.m.; Sunset: 6.39 p.m.
China Estates Annual Meeting, China Bldg., 5th floor, 12 noon.
Annual Meeting of Dairy Farm, Windsor House, 12 noon.

A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, Hongkong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, lecture on "Chamber Music," 7.30 p.m.

H.K. Hockey Assn. Council Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong, Sports Club Annual Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club Dinner, Chinese Merchants' Club, China Bldg., 7.30 p.m.

Piano Recital and Talk on "Music Old & New," by Miss Caroline Braga and Mr. A. M. Braga.

Lecture: Miss P. S. Tseng on "The New Women of China," Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

Annual Meeting of V.D.M.A. (St. Andrew's Branch), 9 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

4-Tides: 2.24 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. Low 6.05 a.m. and 9.44 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.14 a.m.; Sunset: 6.39 p.m.

Sino-British Cultural Assn. luncheon to Governor, Hongkong Hotel, 1 p.m.

Lecture: Dr. Li Shu-fan on "Modern Methods in the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis," H.K. University, 5.30 p.m.

Lignan University Party to Mr. B. S. Fong.

Cheero Club Darts & Table Tennis.

THE BOYS FROM SYRACUSE

"The Boys From Syracuse," opening today at the King's Theatre, is rated as one of Broadway's smash musical comedies and as a motion picture it will have even greater success.

From its opening on a beautiful ancient Grecian scene into a series of whirlwind modern "gags" the film proved full of surprises. Its setting is the Greece of yesterday, but its comedy is as up-to-date as tomorrow.

Cast honours are divided among nine players, prominent among whom are Allan Jones, Rosemary Lane, Irene Hervey, Martha Raye, Joe Penner, Charles Butterworth, Alan Mowbray and Eric Blore.

Of the six song numbers, by Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, Jones sings two—"Who Are You?" and "Falling in Love With Love." Rosemary Lane also scores vocally with "This Can't Be Love."

Martha Raye, too, takes part in song with "The Greeks Have No Word For It," "Sing For Your Supper" and "He and She," the latter with Joe Penner.

MAJESTIC THEATRE ATTRACTION

"I Want A Divorce"

Whether it's because Dick Powell and Joan Blondell happen to be man and wife off the screen, or because the pair have been blessed with a script packed with gay lines and delicious situations, their latest screen venture, Paramount's "I Want a Divorce," is top-notch enjoyable screenfare and will be screened at the Majestic Theatre today.

There is perhaps no one factor which makes any picture a hit. This one is no exception. For in addition to the foregoing, the picture has the benefit of Ralph Murphy's astute direction, his feeling for comedy and drama, and of the work of an exceptional group of supporting players, headed by Gloria Dickson, Frank Fay, Jessie Ralph and Conrad Nagel.

All the narrative is a sparkle with plenty of wit and the situations in which Joan and Dick find themselves from time to time are amusing, to make a mild estimate. Moviegoers in search of light, clean entertainment should like "I Want a Divorce."

Radio Programmes

HONGKONG

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STUDIO TALK WITH EXCERPTS FROM FAMOUS PLAYS

Tchaikovsky Suite

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 London Piano-Accordion Band and Brian Lawrence (Vocal).

Don't Dingle Dangle on the Old Garden Wall (Evans & Others); The Vamp of Havana (Gilbert & Sullivan).

London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus. Waterlilies in the Moonlight (Stock and Others); Brian Lawrence (Tenor) with the Three Girls and Rhythm acc. Hawaiian Paradise (Owens); Dream Time (Davis and Coots); London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus. In the Mission By the Sea (Bill-de Rose); Mine Alone (de Maurica & Others); Brian Lawrence (Tenor) with Fred Hartley and His Orchestra. They Call Me A Dreamer (Pola); A Little King Without a Crown (Pola & Others); London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Negro Spirituals.

Help Me To Fly Over Jordan (Trad. — arr. Manning); No Hidin' Place (Trad. — arr. Manning); Sam Manning's West Indian Rhythm Soys w. Vocal Refrain by Sam Manning and Chorus. Run, Mary, Run (arr. Glon); Nobody Knows De Trouble I Sees (arr. Glon); Edna Thomas (Soprano) w. Piano. Going To Shout All Over God's Heaven (Trad.) — Louis Armstrong and The Lyn Murray Quartet with Piano, Guitar, String Bass and Drums acc.

1.17 Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

Trees (Rashbach); Parlez-Moi D'Amour (Londr); The Bells of St. Mary's (Adams); Life's Great Sunset (Adams).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 Jack Payne and His Band.

Fox-Trots—Rainbow Valley; Let The Curtain Come Down. Quicksteps — Berlin or Bust; Sweet Fanny Adams Daughter. Fox-Trot — Wotcher, Me Old Cock Sparrer; Waltz—Don't Ever Pass Me By. Fox-Trot — When the Poppies Bloom Again. Comedy Fox-Trot—Me and the Make and Liza; Quickstep — Walkin' Thru' Mockin' Bird Lane.

2.15 Close down.

2.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.52 Tchaikovsky — The Sleeping Princess.

Introduction — The Fairy Carabosse — The Lilac Fairy — The Six Fairies — Valse — The Rose Adagio — Push in Boots — The Diamond and Silver Fairies — Mazurka and Apotheosis — Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—From the Old Country.

Talk by Robert Donat.

7.30 Eileen Joyce (Piano) and Joseph Szigetti (Violin).

Impromptu Op. 90, No. 4 (Schubert); Eileen Joyce (Piano). Caprice No. 24 (Variations in A Minor) Paganini).

Joseph Szigetti (Violin) w. Piano acc. Romance (Brahms); Au Bord D'Une Source (Liszt) — Eileen Joyce (Piano). Menuet (Debussy-Dushkin) — Joseph Szigetti (Violin) w. Piano acc.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Walter Glynn (Tenor) and the New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra.

Snow Man (Archer); Round the Roundabout (Poster) — New Mayfair Novelty Orch. Old Rustic Bridge By The Mill (Skelly); A Dream of Paradise (Gray and Littleton) — Walter Glynn (Tenor) w. Organ and Mal Chorus. Temptation Waltz (Charles Andliff) — New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. The Valley Where Wishes Come True (Batherley-Elliott) — Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Piano. Espana (Waldfueller) — New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra. I'll Walk Beside You (Lockton-Alan Murray) — Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Piano. The

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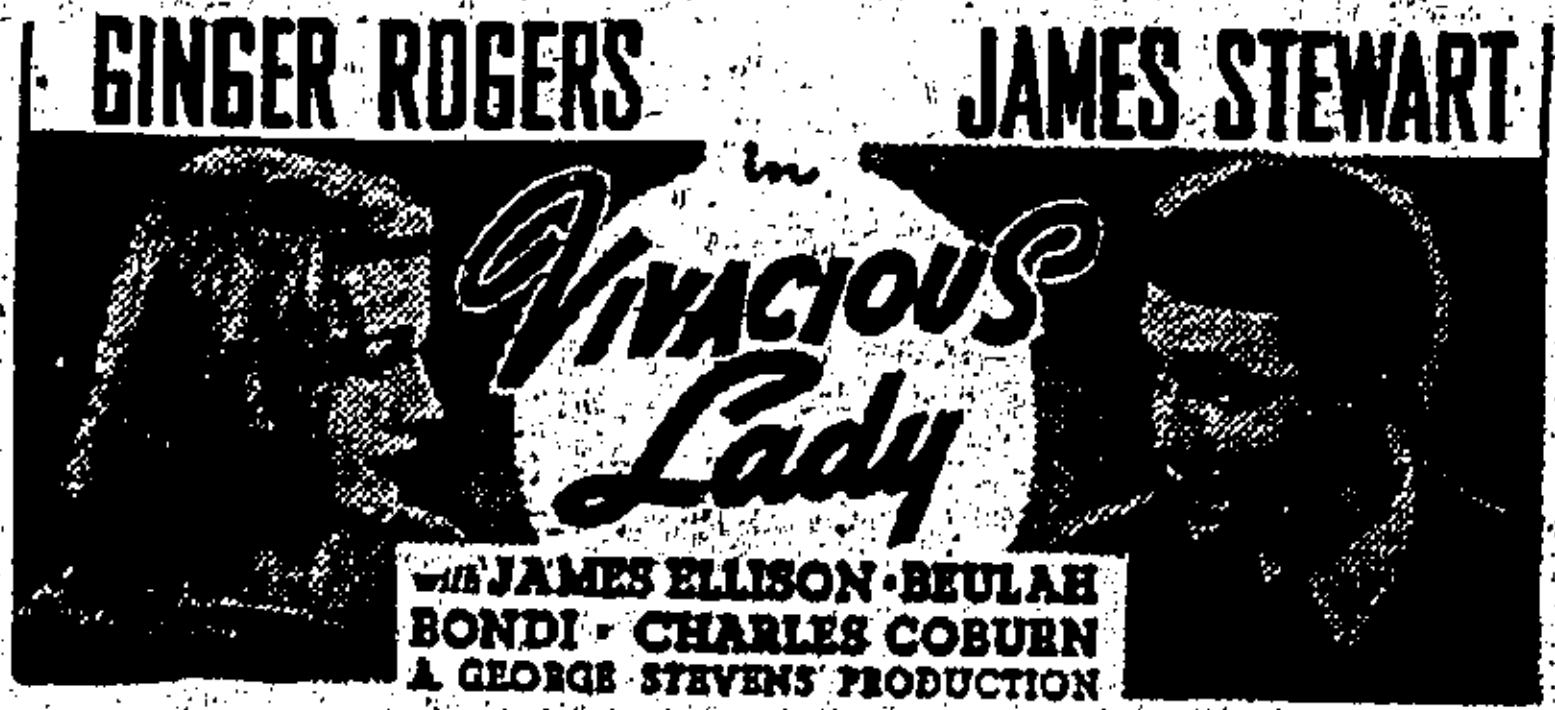
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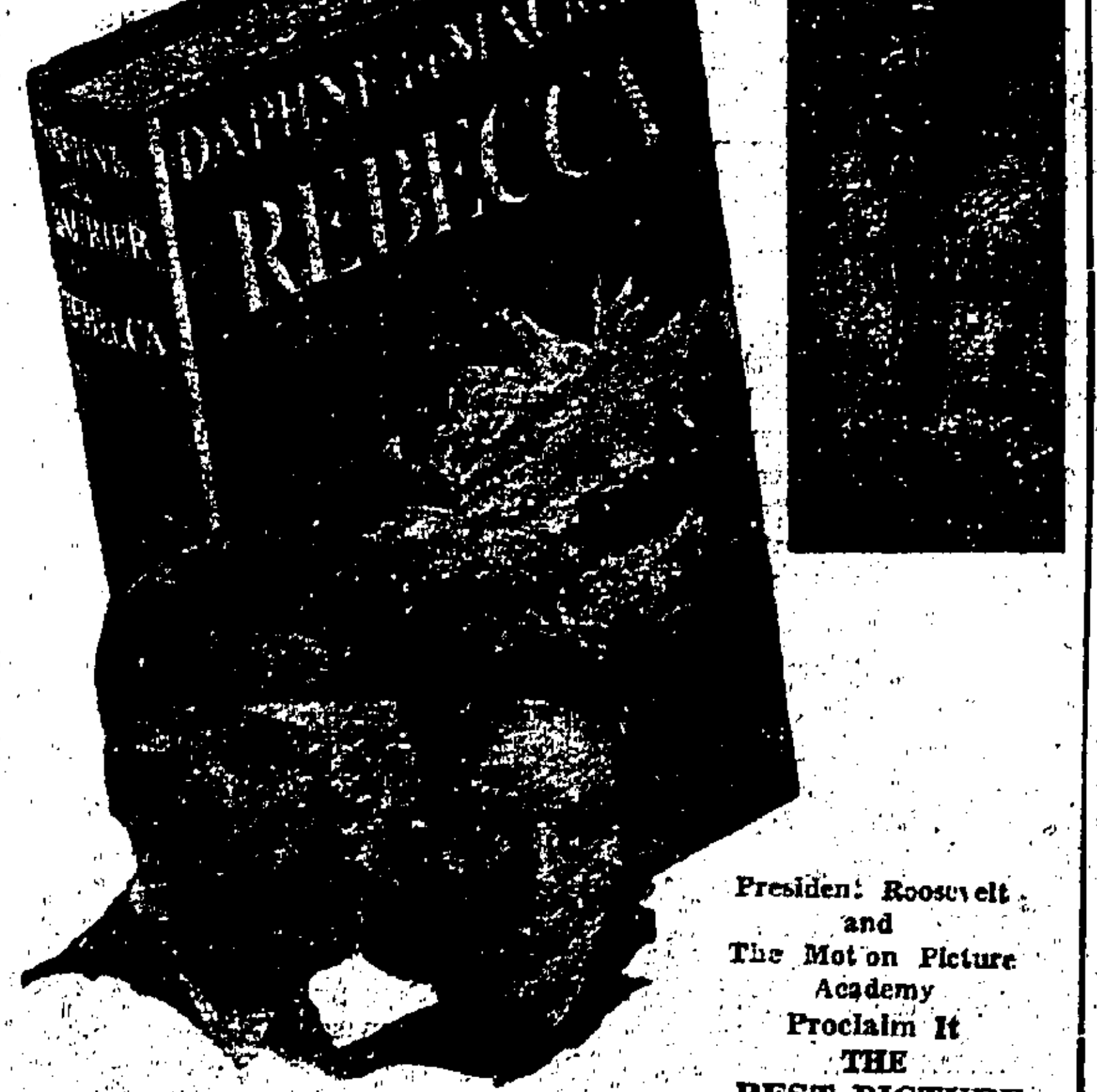
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GERMAN FIGHTER BROUGHT DOWN

London Has Another Quiet Night

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighter pilots and anti-aircraft defences destroyed enemy aircraft at an average rate of 50 a month since January 1 over and around Britain.

The total "bag" for the first quarter of 1941 was 155. Fighter Command losses for the first quarter of the year were 41 aircraft, state the Air Ministry.

LONDON QUIET

London had no air warning last night. This is the eleventh quiet night, running though over and around Britain there was again

GIFTS FROM AFRICA

LONDON, Apr. 1 (British Wire- less).—The Tanganyika War Relief and Welfare Fund has sent £500 to the Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Distress Fund and £100 to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund. The Union Steel Corporation of South Africa has sent £8,300 for the purchase of a Spitfire.

slight activity, mainly over the north-east coast.

Raiders were reported over several other areas but up to a late hour no incidents were reported.

FIGHTER DOWNED

An enemy fighter which ventured over the Channel yesterday was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters. It was officially announced.

This is the only item of day-light air activity by the enemy which the Air Ministry has to report.

CRUSHING DEFEAT OF ITALIAN FLEET IN IONIAN SEA BATTLE

8TH PLENARY SESSION OF KUOMINTANG

FIVE COMMITTEES APPOINTED

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Central).—Presided over by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and with the largest attendance of 159 members, the 8th Plenary Session of the Central Executive and Supervisory Committees of the Kuomintang was opened in Chungking on March 24.

Following the opening ceremony, a presidium of 11 persons consisting of Messrs. Wang Fa-chin, Ting Wei-feng, Chu Cheng, Yu Yu-jen, Tai Chi-tao, Tsou Lu, Chen Li-fu, Li Wen-fan, Dr. H. H. Kung and General Feng Yu-hsiang was appointed, with General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, as Secretary-General and Mr. Kan Nai-kuang, Deputy Secretary-General.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

After fixing the Conference agenda, five committees to examine the proposals were appointed. The Party Affairs Committee, headed by Dr. Chu Chia-hua and Mr. Chen Li-fu, the Political Affairs Committee by General Chang Chun and Hsiung Shih-hui, the Military Affairs Committee by Generals Ho Ying-chin and Cheng Chien, the Economic Affairs Committee by General Ho Yao-tsu and Mr. Hsu Kan, and the Educational Affairs Committee by Mr. Wu Tsu-hui and General Pai Chung-han.

MR. MATSUOKA IN ROME

TO HAVE AUDIENCE WITH POPE

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who arrived in Rome yesterday by special train, was met at the station by Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, and other members of the Italian Government, the Secretary of the Fascist Party and the German Ambassador.

MEETING IL DUCE

VICHY, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuoka will meet Mussolini today. He will lunch with King Victor. His audience with the Pope will take place on Wednesday, according to a Rome dispatch.

The German radio states that Mr. Matsuoka has sent a telegram to Herr von Ribbentrop, saying, "I am sure that the conversations which we had in such a friendly atmosphere in Germany will lead to a further strengthening of the bonds between the two countries and the creation of a new order in Europe and East Asia."

ALBANIAN FRONT LULL BROKEN

Greeks Shell Italian Infantry Columns

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The lull on the Albanian front, which followed the Italians' disastrous offensive attempt, has been broken with the Greeks again taking the initiative.

Yesterday several small storm detachments entered Italian lines at various points, stated the Athens radio, inflicting losses, taking prisoners and seizing many machine-guns.

Greek artillery was also active against the moving columns, but the Italian response was weak.

The Greek aircraft co-operated, the announcer added, by inflicting severe losses while attacking important targets without, however, any loss themselves.

KINHWAI, Apr. 1 (Central).—Chinese troops made a surprise attack at Linkio, northwest of Hangchow, on March 24, killing about 100 Japanese. They also damaged about a mile of the highway and set fire to two highway bridges there on the following morning.

Enemy Cruiser Shot To Bits By Devastating Broadside From The British Flagship

LONDON, April 1 (Reuter).—Fuller details of the crushing defeat of the Italian Fleet in the Mediterranean, which crowned the greatest week of the war, bring the enemy's almost certain losses to seven warships—four cruisers and three destroyers—while a battleship of the Littorio class was seriously damaged by repeated pounding of Fleet Air Arm torpedoes.

With the return of the British Fleet to Alexandria without a man hurt or a ship scratched, the full story is revealed of how the enemy force were lured to destruction by a British cruiser.

The Italians were taken completely by surprise when the 30,000-ton battleship Warspite, leading the British Fleet, followed by the battleships Barham and Valiant, began a chase lasting 12 hours and demolished an enemy cruiser already hit by aerial torpedoes with salvos of broadsides, leaving destroyers to race in and finish the job.

Back in port, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, C-in-C, Mediterranean, paid great tribute to the personnel of his Fleet for skilful manoeuvring and to the Air Arm for the untiring efforts which, between them, contributed to the greatest naval victory of the war.

The first news of the Italian Fleet's activity was an air reconnaissance report sent in on Thursday. It stated that an enemy force was steaming eastward near Cape Passaro, the southernmost tip of Sicily.

With dramatic suddenness, the British Fleet sailed to contact the enemy.

ENEMY CONTACTED

On Friday morning, one battleship of the Littorio Class and a force of enemy cruisers were contacted by our light forces to the south of the western end of Crete while further air reconnaissances reported a second force, comprising two battleships, cruisers and destroyers, further north.

The Fleet Air Arm and R.A.F. immediately attacked the former, seriously damaging the Littorio class battleship, reducing her speed considerably while several hits were also registered on the cruisers and destroyers.

While aircraft and light forces thus maintained contact with the enemy, who endeavoured to scatter and return to his base, the battleships followed up. They were able to make contact only as darkness fell, the chase towards the Italian shore having lasted about 12 hours and covered some 200 miles.

DEVASTATING FIRE

The leading ship of the British battle fleet was the Warspite which opened fire with her 15-inch guns from a distance of just under two miles. The effect of the Warspite's fire was devastating. The enemy cruiser Fiume lit up the surrounding sea by a violent burst of red flame extending from the foremost funnel to the after gun turret.

One observer said that the after turret itself was blown clean over the side.

While the ship was thus blazing the Warspite poured in a further broadside, causing a fresh outburst of flame. By now the entire battle fleet was in action, the whole scene being lit up by gunfire blazing ships and searchlights.

Before the enemy had any chance to reply, a second cruiser, Zara, was burning fiercely when she received a broadside from the Warspite. A third cruiser, Pola, was likewise dealt with by the other British battleships, the whole action taking a matter of seconds. Besides the Warspite, the battleships Barham and Valiant, and the destroyers Haycock and Greyhound participated in the action.

"WELL DONE" SIGNAL

In his "Well Done" signal to the warships on their return to port, Admiral Cunningham said: "I am most grateful to all in the Fleet for their support on this as on all other occasions. The operations just concluded have given us notable success and supremacy. The skilful handling of our cruisers and the untiring efforts of the Fleet Air Arm kept me well informed of the enemy movements and the well pressed home attacks of torpedo-bomber aircraft on the Littorio so reduced the speed of the enemy fleet that we were able to gain contact during the night and inflict heavy damage. The devastating results of the battleships' gunfire are ample reward for months of patient training. This work was completed by the destroyers in the admirably



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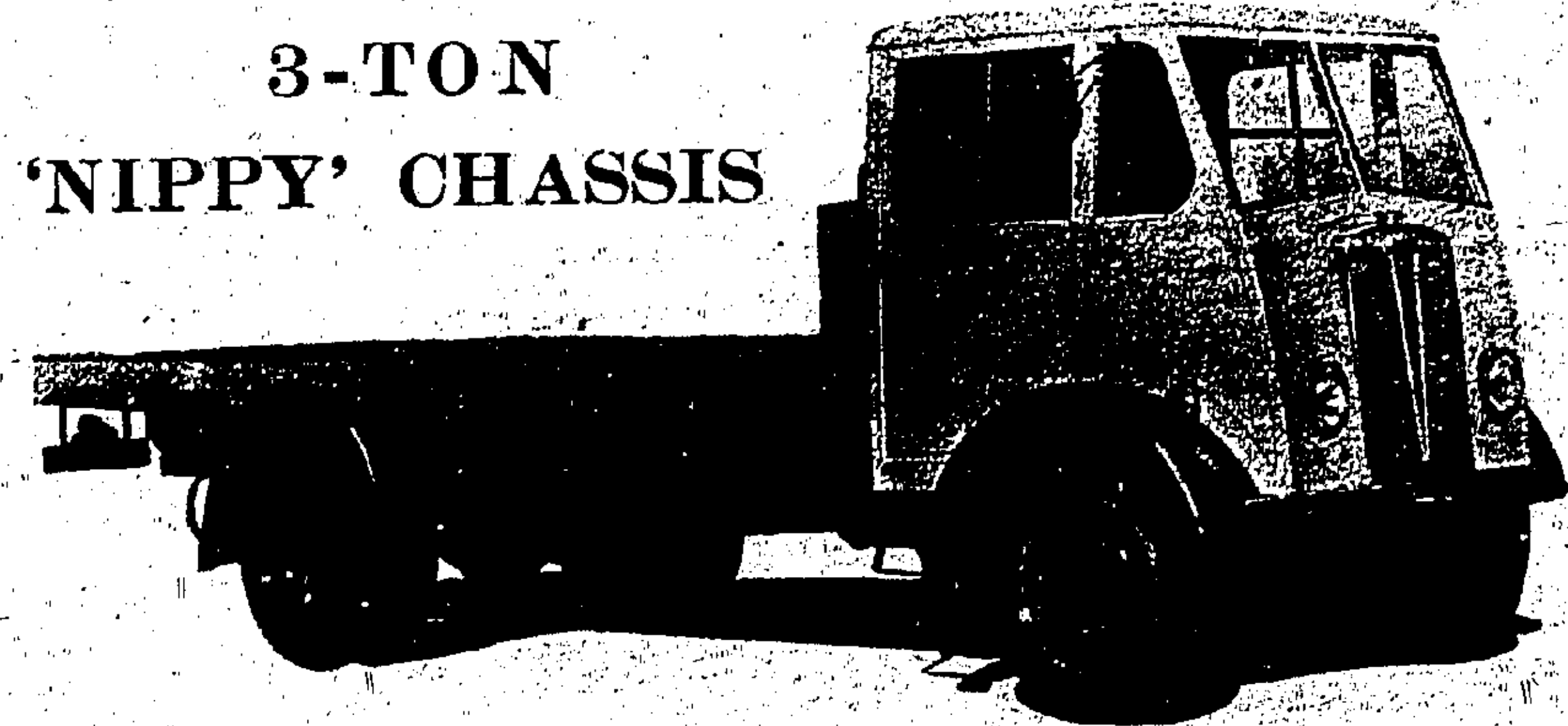
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STRONG PROTEST LODGED AGAINST THE APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL AGENT FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICE

Costa Rica Consul Voices Complaints At Inquiry

A STRONG AND EMPHATIC PROTEST against the granting of exclusive rights for photographs to the General Agent was lodged by MR. WONG TONG, COMMISSIONER OF OVERSEAS AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE PHOTOGRAPHERS GUILD, in his letter addressed to the Secretary (Mr. K. M. A. Barnett) of the Commission of Inquiry through Mr. H. K. Woo of Messrs. Woo and Woo, Solicitors, and which letter was read out by the Chairman, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the resumed sitting of the Commission at the Supreme Court yesterday.

When the public inquiry was resumed yesterday morning, the first witness, Dr. S. N. Chau, J. P., said that on Mar. 10, he returned from Macao by the s.s. "Kin Shan". On arrival, he with other passengers with certificates of residence proceeded to the gangway but were told by an Immigration Officer that they would not be allowed to land until all those passengers with passports have landed, with the result that they had to wait for over 20 minutes while passports were being examined.

"The examination of passports," said Dr. Chau, "was done by a European Immigration Officer in the Saloon and when I was allowed to land my certificate was examined by a Chinese Immigration Officer at the gangway, so that it would have been quite possible for persons with certificates such as mine to have disembarked at the same time as those with passports."

SIMULTANEOUS EXAMINATION
Asked by Mr. Forrest whether he was suggesting that passports and certificates should be examined at the same time, Dr. Chau replied in the affirmative. People with passports, went on Dr. Chau, were examined in the saloon but he doubted whether the certificates were examined at all as there was a large crowd going down the gangway at the same time.

Chinese passengers' names, said Dr. Chau in reply to another question by Mr. Forrest, were not entered in the passenger-list and he could not, therefore, see how any confusion could arise by permitting those with certificates to land at the same time as those with passports.

Mr. Forrest:—Are you suggesting that the shipping companies should disobey the instructions of the Immigration Office?—I am not suggesting anything. I am just complaining that passengers with certificates should be allowed to land at the same time as those with passports.

Mr. Brown:—All that happened so far as you were concerned was that you showed your permit at the gangway?

Mr. Chau:—Yes.
Mr. Brown:—There was no other examination?—No.

MR. J. M. DA ROCHA

Mr. J. M. da Rocha, Honorary Consul for Costa Rica in Hongkong, stated, in his letter to the Commission, that on Jan. 8 he wrote to the Immigration Office submitting five applications for entry permits, the bona fides of the applicants being guaranteed by him. Two days after he received the official receipt for the applications.

APPLICATIONS LOST

Not having heard anything further on Jan. 20 he went to the Immigration Office and there saw Mr. Well to whom he presented the receipt. After searching for about an hour, went on Mr. Rocha, Mr. Well informed him that there was no trace of the applications.

Continuing, Mr. Rocha said, "I thereupon sent in my Consul's visiting card to Mr. Forrest and was then brought into his office. He asked me whether I was Consul 'au carriere' and I replied that I was Honorary Consul for Costa Rica."

"I then told him the facts and he asked me to make fresh applications and to cancel his receipt for the original ones. He further asked me in future to hand all applications to him personally."

When he handed in new applications a few days later, said Mr. Rocha, Mr. Forrest instructed a clerk to stamp them as "urgent". He was asked to call back the next day, which he did and received the five entry permits. He was, however, told that the original applications have been found and would be destroyed.

74 CHOLERA FATALITIES

Of the 108 cases of Cholera notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ending at midnight on Saturday, 74 proved fatal. Of the total 59 were reported from the Victoria Registration District, 38 from Old and New Kowloon, four from the Harbour, three from the New Territories and two each from Shaikwan and Aberdeen and Rural Hongkong.

Other Returns are as follows:—Cerebro-Spinal Fever, three cases (three deaths); Chicken-Pox, one case; Diphtheria, 11 cases (four deaths); Dysentery, 49 cases (18 deaths); Enteric Fever, nine cases (four deaths); Measles, 16 cases; Pauper's Fever, two cases (one death); Tuberculosis, 234 cases (143 deaths).

DAILY RETURNS
Returns for the 24 hours ending at midnight on Monday are as follows:—Cholera, 10 cases (Victoria Registration District 6, Old and New Kowloon 4); Diphtheria, two cases; Dysentery, 11 cases; Enteric Fever, three cases; Measles, two cases; Tuberculosis, 89 cases.

CHOLERA BAN
A notification from the Colonial Secretariat yesterday states that quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Governments of the Straits Settlements and Indo-China against arrivals from Hongkong on account of Cholera.

FUNERAL OF MR. NOEL YOUNG

STUDENT VICTIM OF TYPHOID

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday of Mr. Noel Young, who died of typhoid at the Hongkong Sanatorium on Monday at the age of 19. Fr. C. Orlando officiated at the graveside.

The late Mr. Young was a student at La Salle College. His four sisters and a brother are in the Colony and his parents are now residing in Jamaica.

Besides the chief mourners, Gloria, Margaret, Yvonne, Phyllis (sisters) and Gerald (brother) those present to pay their last respects were Messrs. G. Salazar, E. Ibarra, A. Manzo, S. M. Chiu, K. W. Shun, H. Lee, J. Fisher, W. Chin-fen, Mrs. L. Chin-fen, Mrs. Chong, P. Lee, D. Lee, N. E. Allaye, A. Lan, B. Lee, M. Ho, R. Lan, T. Soong, M. Yip, M. Man-kit, D. Pow, E. Loong, W. L. Wong, L. Y. Wong, W. C. Cheung, C. Loy.

THE WREATHS
Wreaths were sent by V. Chow, H. S. Tan, D. Lee and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Lyen and family, Chung Hwa Juniors, Rose and Felix Poon, Thomas and George Elizabeth, Marion, Dorothy, Norina Soong, Bob, L. Allaye, Bob and Primrose Lee, Tse and Mary and family, Aunt Lilly and cousins, Rose Joyce and Millie Leung, Louise Allaye, Howard and Daniel Lee, F. Cheong Leen and children, N. E. Allaye, Wildcats Softball team, 1st H.K. Sea Scouts, and Children of Mary.

MACAO POLICE DEPARTMENT

FINE WORK BY C.I.D. CHIEF

It is known that Mr. Carlos Maria de Sequeira, chief of C. I. D. Macao, who has held the post for many years, has been relieved and recalled to the Department of Chinese Affairs to which he belongs. His appointment dates back 1930, when Major Jose Guerreiro de Andrade, then Commissioner of Police in Macao (now Lieut. Colonel) in command of Police Force at Nova Goa, India) invited him to accept the position as chief of C. I. D. During his term of office he has discharged the arduous duties to the entire satisfaction of the various outgoing police commissioners under whom he has served.

A popular member of the Portuguese community, Mr. Sequeira has a large circle of friends both Chinese and foreigners. Being a conscientious and hard worker he was responsible for solving many murder and armed robbery cases. Of the relevant services he rendered, Mr. Sequeira was the recipient, through the French Consulate in Hongkong, of a decoration of the Order "One Million Elephant and White Phaisol" for effecting an important arrest of a gang of Annamite communist plotters who planned to foment a revolutionary movement against the Indo China Government.

His daring earned for himself respect and admiration of his subordinates when two rival factions were involved in serious disorder, using firearm at Tai Wong Kam Island (Ilha de Don Joao). Mr. Sequeira proceeded to the scene and succeeded in pacifying the parties and settling the dispute. Another instance in which his life was in jeopardy was when he escorted four Chinese prisoners from Shekhi. His motor bus was attacked by two Japanese planes with machine-guns for 15 minutes, resulting in the death of one prisoner and the wounding of two others, but fortunately Mr. Sequeira escaped.

It is reported that leading Chinese businessmen intend to approach the Macao Government with a petition to reinstate Mr. Sequeira in view of the fact that, since the Immigration Law came in force in Hongkong, undesirable elements are unable to enter the British Colony while Macao is at present full of these unwelcome visitors. (From a correspondent).

Voluntary Liquidation Of Company

Petition Sanctioned By Court

A petition to obtain sanction of the Court to a scheme of Compromise and Arrangement, brought by Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., in the matter concerning the Hung Phung Mai Hong Company (Hongkong) Ltd., and in the matter of the Companies Ordinance was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The scheme of Compromise and Arrangement was to be made between the Liquidators of the Company and the holders of the Founders' Shares of the Company, its Directors, officers, and employees whereby it is proposed that a portion of the net profits of the Company as at May 31, 1940, be paid to and divided amongst holders of the Founders' Shares of the Company, its Directors, officers, and employees.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

In making the petition, Mr. Potter said that the Company was incorporated under the Companies Ordinance in 1936 with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000. Due to the European and the Sino-Japanese wars the Company decided to wind up its business. An Extraordinary General meeting of shareholders was held on May 30 at which a special resolution to wind up voluntarily was passed. The shareholders also unanimously approved of the above scheme.

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Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3846	Un-Gated	11,466 & 3198	As per sale plan	3,000
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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$360 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of Walter Archibald William Dawn of 134 Upper Main Road Moulmein Burma deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 29th day of April, 1941.

ALL creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 1st day of April, 1941.

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Toy Pistols, Knives Used In Attempted Robbery

Armed with two toy pistols and three knives, four men attempted to ransack an unnumbered matchbox at Homantin but the bravery of the occupants frustrated the plot and resulting in the arrest of two alleged robbers, who were charged before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Y'S MEN'S CLUB

There will be no luncheon meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club on Thursday but instead a dinner will be held that day at the Chinese Merchants' Club, China Building, at 7.30 p.m. Several new members will be initiated. A Chinese dinner will be served on this occasion to be followed by a cinema show. Members may bring guests including ladies.

mountebank must now be at its peak and, consequently, he may have come to a tacit understanding with his Nipponese partner to take over full command of the Italian state and to run it in accordance with Nazi ideas. The fact that German officers and petty officers were among the survivors of the latest naval battle, indeed, confirms this view. The incorporation of Italy into the Reich, without any say in the matter, seems a safe bet today.

PEACE AIMS

FROM TIME TO TIME, the British Government has been requested by their own people and by the people of the United States for a clearer definition of Britain's peace aims. The Prime Minister, to whom several of these requests were addressed in the House of Commons, while admitting that the subject of drawing up Britain's peace aims had not been neglected, has resolutely refused to embark on any detailed explanation until the main object for which Britain and her allies are fighting has been achieved—the final and complete destruction of the totalitarian menace. With the full aid that Britain is now to receive from the United States, Americans there have again been clamouring for something more precise on this subject. It is thought that such a statement, apart from helping the United States to define its position before the world, might considerably shorten the conflict, because American opinion will be enlightened on the exact manner in which this peace basis will accrue to, and benefit, their own interests.

LORD HALIFAX, the British Ambassador in Washington, sought to meet this view recently when, in the course of an eloquent speech on the cause for which Britain was fighting, he outlined Britain's war and peace aims. With regard to the latter, what he had to say was summed up in his words that it was to secure the world, as far as was humanly possible, against a repetition of the present tragedy. Britain's allies and sympathisers have accepted this principle in full—it is the details of it that they now want enunciated. One detail on which opinion is unanimous is that a dictated treaty of any kind will not bring lasting peace. Each nation, therefore, must be expected to contribute to what will certainly be a most thorny problem in the way of guaranteeing permanent peace. Now that the turn in the tide of the battle has begun, it will soon become necessary to know the minimum essential conditions under which a cessation of hostilities would be possible, the guarantees which would be required before an armistice is concluded, and how arbitration will be made to function in the settlement of disputes.

Accused were LING WAI, 31, and CHENG KAM, 38, charged with assault with intent to rob.

Det.-Sgt. N.B. Fraser, said that about 10.15 p.m. on Mar. 10, the complainant, Shek Shum, and his wife were sitting in the house with the door open when four intruders entered. Two of them tried to get hold of Shek and one drew a toy pistol purporting to be a revolver.

Shek struggled with them and managed to break away. He ran to the door and raised the alarm. Hearing this Shek's brother picked up an instrument and came out to attack the robbers.

Another man, Chan Muk, also joined in the fight on the side of complainant and brought a man to the ground, with a blow on his back.

The other three men escaped and first defendant was intercepted by Chan Muk in the meantime the man on the ground, alleged to be second accused, regained consciousness and ran. He was arrested by the Police.

Three knives and two toy pistols were found near the house.

Hearing was adjourned to Saturday, at 11.30 a.m.

"WORLD IN FLAMES"

GOVERNOR ATTENDS BENEFIT SHOW

A benefit performance of Paramount's documentary film, "World in Flames," was given at the Queen's Theatre last night in aid of the B.W.O.F.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, accompanied by Mr. E. C. Fay, A.D.C., attended, and others present included Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor and Lady MacGregor, Hon. Capt. A. C. Collinson, R.N., Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall and Miss Kotewall, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North and Mrs. North, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields and Sir Vandevelde M. Grayburn.

Y.W.C.A. FINANCE CAMPAIGN

The Y.W.C.A. Finance Campaign third and last report meeting will be held today, when it is hoped the goal of \$42,000 would have been reached. Mrs. N. L. Smith, wife of the Colonial Secretary, and Honorary Chairman of the Y.W.C.A. Finance Campaign, will be present and address the workers, either to congratulate them upon their success, or to urge them on to find more sympathetic and generous subscribers to add to the many who have already shown themselves as friends to this community organisation.

The last two report meetings have been successful in that at each meeting one third of the total was reported. Much of the success was due to the two presidents, Dr. Catherine Woo, president of the Hongkong Y.W.C.A., and Mrs. Jade Wong Wu, president of the Canton Y.W.C.A., who have worked untiringly, and who have each headed a winning team on the respective report days.

Mrs. N. L. Smith has been a constant encouragement, opening the campaign with a broadcast over ZBW, and writing hundreds of appeal letters. There will also be a short programme of music, and tea will be served.

OPIUM POISONING

A woman, Ho Mun-ying, 30, of No. 137, Reclamation Street, first floor, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from opium poisoning believed to have been self-administered.

Another case was reported at No. 17, Water Street, West Point, about 3 p.m. yesterday when a woman, Man Yun, 80, poisoned herself with opium and was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

"RELIGION UNDER FIRE"



The Rev. H. W. Baines, who was Assistant Chaplain at St. John's Cathedral from 1934 to 1939, spoke on broadcast from London on Sunday last in the series "Religion under Fire." Mr. Baines' talk was repeated again from London last night. It will be recalled that the Church of St. Nicholas, of which Mr. Baines is in charge, was reduced to ruins in the heavy raids on Coventry.

Mr. Baines, in his talk, pointed out how the fact that church after church has been destroyed in Britain had created a new fellowship amongst the people and had strengthened religion and prayer. Mr. Baines mentioned that before his Church had been hit by bombs it used to shelter 50 to 100 homeless people who used to spend the night inside its precincts.

One noticeable fact was that when they came in they quietly and reverently rolled themselves up in their blankets and in the mornings they left in the same manner after having said a prayer.

LOCAL SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY AND COMMERCE

Recent Examination Successes

Results just received by the Registrar, International Institute of Accountants, Incorporated, show that many local candidates were awarded Honours in the Intermediate and Final examinations held in December, 1940. It is noteworthy that all the candidates so awarded, except one, had received their training at the School of Accountancy and Commerce, Kowloon. The following is the list of S.A.C. passes:

Intermediate Bookkeeping I:—Norman Broadbridge (Honours); S. E. Bux; L. T. H. Phelps; Cheung Sik Kee; Yu Foo Lun.

Intermediate Bookkeeping II:—Yu Foo Lun; L. T. H. Phelps; Yung Hin Ming.

Intermediate Auditing:—R. G. L. Ng (Honours); N. Broadbridge (Honours); E. D. Osborne; Wong Pak Wing.

Intermediate Law I:—L. T. H. Phelps; S. E. Bux.

Intermediate Law II:—N. Broadbridge (Honours); E. D. Osborne; Wong Pak Wing; R. G. L. Ng; Yung Hin Ming.

Final Bookkeeping I:—W. S. Anderson (Honours).

Final Bookkeeping II:—L. M. da Silva (Honours); Lim Lee Sang.

Final Auditing:—Chan Pui Kit (Honours).

Final Law I:—W. S. Anderson (Honours).

Final Law II:—L. M. da Silva (Honours); Chan Pui Kit (Honours); Lim Lee Sang; W. S. Anderson.

THE FACULTY OF SECRETARIES ENGLAND

Intermediate Bookkeeping:—Chung Sik Kee (Honours); Lok King Wah.

Elementary Bookkeeping:—Paul Cheng (Honours); Low Wei Ming (Honours); M. T. Trinh; Alice Lo; Yuen Wing Kin; Chan Bak Foo.

Advanced Typewriting:—Lok King Wah; Wong Char Fat.

Elementary Typewriting:—Alice Lo; Wong Yue Lam; Chan Bak Foo.

Elementary English:—Alice Lo; Ivy Sing; Low Wei Ming; Paul Cheng; Yuen Wing Kin.

BRITAIN SPEAKS:

PRESENT WAR A CONFLICT BETWEEN MASSES AND THE PEOPLE—PRIESTLEY

In discussing what the present war is about and why it is being fought, MR. J. B. PRIESTLEY, the well-known author, put a new construction on this subject when he described the present conflict as a war between THE MASSES AND THE PEOPLE, in the course of an eloquent broadcast talk from London yesterday in the series "BRITAIN SPEAKS."

Mr. Priestley described this as a fundamental definition and declared that it was a conflict between two radical conceptions of human beings in general.

"Herr Hitler," said Mr. Priestley, "thinks always in terms of the masses, and this explains why he has met with so many successes and why, also, that he will ultimately fail."

"HITLER'S CONCEPTION"

"In Herr Hitler's conception the human mind was reduced to a few instincts and appetites. They have no soul. In short, they are not the children of God. Indeed, they are hardly the children of their own parents, or, later, the parents of their own children. They have no rights."

Mr. Priestley declared that this was the heartless way Herr Hitler had of dealing with masses. His Mein Kampf was a text book of how to deceive the masses.

"So long as Herr Hitler thinks in terms of masses I don't blame him," said Mr. Priestley, "if a man believes in the existence of this soulless horde he will soon discover how to manipulate them—he will be able to bully and pickle them, sometimes wheeling them forward and at other times ruthlessly driving them on."

DEVILISH REASONING

"When these masters have finished with their own people they might even go on to India and China to use their methods there. There is a devilish reasoning of this kind in the minds of men like Herr Hitler."

"To men who join him along these lines of dehumanising their fellow-creatures, human beings appear as so much weight of flesh to be transported here or there, so many bodies to be fed solely for gain. Such men cannot help looking with favour in sharing this situation."

Mr. Priestley expressed the view that men with such a conception could work with brutal swiftness. Everywhere they would be able to find fellow-conspirators in the ranks of those who see, not people, but masses.

MACHINE AGE

"Therefore, I say," declared Mr. Priestley, "find me the man who, whatever his political opinions may be, has a sneaking sympathy with the Nazis and I will show you the man who is in sympathy with this notion of the masses. These masses are at home in this age of machines. They serve these machines by day and use them by night. They asked for nothing better."

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Wong Hong-dan, civil servant of the Chinese Central Government, of No. 25 Tai Hong Street, Saiwanho, and Miss Mary Fong, registered nurse, of the same address;

Mr. Ho Cho-um, compradore, of No. 8 Wing Hing Street, and Miss Chan Wan-shou, student, of No. 16 Cumberland Road.

STABBED IN FACE

A tragedy occurred in the Sam Kwong Knitting Factory, Castle Peak Road, yesterday when the foreman, Chan Yip-pui, was stabbed in the face while asleep in his quarters at about 1.30 a.m.

Chan was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

A foki, Wong Wai-ting, was found to be missing and was later discovered at the hill behind the factory. He is believed to be insane.

HARBOUR RESCUE

After jumping into the harbour, Lam Man, 22, was rescued by seamen and admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday.

The man was travelling on the Yaumati ferry Man Kin.

"That is what many persons believe because they can no longer see the people, but the masses and so they wear Swastikas on their arms and raise their hands in salute."

FIGHTING FOR THE PEOPLE

"It is against all this that we are fighting," declared Mr. Priestley. "We are fighting not for the Union Jack or the Stars and Stripes and colours on the maps, nor for markets and profits but in order that the people shall not vanish and give place to the masses."

"We are fighting for the people who are not innumerable bundles of little instinct and appetites to be alternatively bullied and pickled. They are people."

"What comes from them? Everything comes from the people. They all have names. You meet them in Shakespeare. They are simply our brothers and sisters. They are the children of God."

Mr. Priestley drew the attention of his listeners to the manner in which the people of Britain have behaved in the past eighteen months.

AN EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD

"Time after time they have shown the world an example of courage, helpfulness and loving kindness," said Mr. Priestley. "There is no reason for surprise at this unless you are a Nazi at heart. We have, thank God, no masses here. These are people, not nameless hordes."

After quoting a verse which was written by a destitute man as a tribute to the people of Britain, Mr. Priestley said that the civilians of Britain did not have to be guarded and dragged and pulverised into nameless masses. "This man, in the tribute he paid, showed a spirit to sit down and write his verse to testify to the soul of the people."

"That is what we are fighting for," said Mr. Priestley. "We are fighting for something that the human mind is beginning to forget—the soul of the people. I believe that in the end the people must win, because they have in them faith and hope and courage as regards the principles of life itself. We must trust in the people as people, and in the co-operation of our brothers and sisters."

"Herr Hitler's empire is based on fear. We should be foolish to think that fear can not affect men powerfully. But if fear is great, love is greater and it can work still greater wonders. The masses can know only fear but the people can know only love. And victory will rest with the people."

NEWSETTES

His Excellency the Governor will inspect the St. John Ambulance Brigade on Monday next, April 7, at 5.30 p.m. at the Open Naval Recreation Ground, Causeway Bay.

Mr. B. S. Fong, prominent Chinese business man from San Francisco and a member of the People's Political Council, arrived in the Colony from Shikwan by plane on Monday night en route back to the United States after having attended the recent session of the Council in Chungking. Accompanying Mr. Fong from Shikwan was Mr. Chien Shu-fen of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. (Central News).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations for the month of March:—

A Friend, \$2.38; Govt. Educational Grant, 300; Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China, 50; Duxin Free Library, 100; Sympathisers, 4 weekly donations, 40; Mr. H. I. Cheung, 2.50.

DONATIONS IN KIND

Plants and Shrubs, Botanical and Forestry Dept.; 400 pieces of firewood, Sandakan Chamber of Commerce; Freightage on firewood, Jardine Matheson Co.; 124 suits, Nurses Matilda Hospital.

PARALLEL IMPORTANCE OF MILITARY, ECONOMIC WAR EMPHASISED BY GENERAL CHIANG TO KUOMINTANG

CHUNGKING, April 1 (Central)—Military and economic warfare should be simultaneously prosecuted with greater emphasis to be laid on the economic phase henceforth as the military crisis has passed, declared Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in his opening address before the 8th Plenary Session of the Central Executive and Supervisory Committees of the Kuomintang opened on March 24.

General Chiang warned the 150 odd members of the C.E.C. and C.S.C. present that the Kuomintang gradually drifted away from the people and that the Party members have lost the revolutionary spirit and laxed in their efforts. He strongly enjoined them to return to the people and resuscitate the spirit of revolution in order that the ruling Party in China may successfully live up to its leadership in the nation's dual task of resistance and reconstruction.

General Chiang laid great stress on economic warfare asserting that the key to the success or failure of China's resistance lies in economics. He went a step further by saying that in the decisive factors of the war, economics will be sharing 70 per cent, while military affairs 30 per cent.

Militarily, General Chiang affirmed, after three years and eight months of armed resistance, even China's enemy Japan has been forced to admit that it is impossible to conquer China by force. "Consequently," he asserted, "we may say the military crisis has passed and we have achieved a certain degree of success."

HUNDREDFOLD EFFORT

While attributing China's success in withstanding the onslaught of the Japanese military juggernaut largely to popular subscription to the San Min Chu I and the spiritual strength of the nation and also the employment of revolutionary, political and military strategies, the Generalissimo reminded his audience that so far as the building up of an army that can rank with the armies of the world Powers and can adequately safeguard the national security after the war is concerned, it calls for the exertion of efforts tenfold and hundredfold more by the comrades of the Kuomintang.

"In view of this fact," General Chiang further said, "although militarily there is cause for optimism we must not allow any laxity of efforts and must never become self-satisfied just because we have held the enemy back in this war of attrition."

ECONOMIC STRUGGLE

Continuing, General Chiang said: "Here we call upon the C.E.C. and C.S.C. members to pay as much attention to the institution of economic measures henceforth as they did towards the military affairs three years ago. He laid special emphasis on the questions of strengthening China's economic staying power proving that all the economic measures that have been instituted are increasing the efficacy of China's economic struggle."

"At present," General Chiang concluded, "public opinion, generally speaking, is unduly apprehensive over China's economic problems. According to my observation, China's economic position really does not give much cause for alarm. The only question that should worry us is whether we can undergo the hardships of the struggle and whether we can embark upon the phase of positive reconstruction."

Closer Relations Between Kuomintang, People

CHUNGKING, April 1 (Reuter)—Greater emphasis on economic problems and closer relations between the Kuomintang and the people were urged in a speech by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at the opening ceremony of the eighth plenary session of the Central Executive and Control Committees of the Kuomintang on March 24, the full text of which was given prominence this morning in Chinese newspapers.

STERLING AREA

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—All parts of the French Colonial Empire under the control of the Free French "council of defence," Iceland and the Faroe Islands are added to the sterling area as from April 2 under a British Treasury order published today.

CHINESE PROTEST TO VICHY GOVT.

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Central)—The Chinese Government has lodged a protest with the Vichy Government, following receipt of reports that Lin Chia-min, representative of the Wang Ching-wei regime there, had issued notifications jointly with the Japanese authorities to the Chinese residents.

While declaring the military crisis in Sino-Japanese hostilities was now over, the Generalissimo warned the Kuomintang body that the country still has serious difficulties to overcome.

Emphasising the importance of economic problems, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek declared military affairs would constitute 30 per cent of the Chinese resistance, while economic affairs would constitute 70 per cent.

Of a total of 250 members of the Central Executive and Control Committees, it is announced that 159 members attended the meeting.

Members asking them to attend a memorial service to be held for the late Tseng Chung-ming, formerly Wang Ching-wei's close follower, who was assassinated in Hand on March 21, 1938.

Germany Wants Help But Japanese May Have Cause To Hesitate Now

In a broadcast from Sydney yesterday MR. A. W. HUGHES, Australian Secretary for the Navy, said that Germany's effort to secure allies proves that she could not conquer the British Empire alone. Germany now wanted Japan to help her but the Japanese may balk, and may have cause to hesitate now.

Axis propaganda had been playing up Mr. Matsuoka's visit to Berlin and Rome as a counter-blast to the Lease and Lend Bill.

When Mr. Matsuoka arrived in Berlin last Thursday the Germans told him that Italy and Germany have already won the war and that Britain was friendless. And yet that same day Yugoslavia showed a dramatic change of front and it was perfectly clear that she has no intention of playing the Axis game.

A POOR WEEK

It had been a poor week for Italy on land and sea, and, as for Germany, she too must be feeling the growing weight of British bombs. Mr. Matsuoka had no doubt taken full stock of this situation.

As far as Britain was concerned all this was for the good. Herr Hitler himself was no more invincible than Signor Mussolini.

HONOUR MEMORY OF HAN KUO-CHUN

Upon the recommendation of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek posthumous honours will be conferred on the late Mr. Han Kuo-chun, former Civil Governor of Kiangsu, who committed suicide in his native city in northern Kiangsu on March 13 in order to resist the Japanese offer to become a puppet official.

In recognition of the patriotism and uprightness of the late Mr. Han, the National Government will shortly issue a mandate of commendation to honour his memory. (Central News).



Mlle. Alice Delysia, famous French star of musical comedy and revue, broadcasts in the B.B.C.'s Overseas Service from an underground theatre in London. Soldiers of the Free French Forces who were also in the theatre joined in the choruses. Mlle. Delysia made an exciting visit to France in an attempt to rescue her mother only two days before the Germans entered Paris.

MRS. ROOSEVELT

NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the British War Relief Society endeavouring to raise \$10,000,000 for air raid relief in Britain.

DEFEAT FOR HITLER AS MUCH AS FOR THE DUCE

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—A defeat for Hitler as much as for Mussolini is the interpretation in the British press of the Royal Navy's Mediterranean victory.

"This new crippling blow must dispel any last doubt that might have lingered in the mind of the propaganda fed Italian people as to who controls the 'mare nostrum,'" writes the Daily Telegraph.

"Such is the latest news the hapless Duce will have waiting for Mr. Matsuoka."

The newspaper says whispering discontent has already begun to seize masses of the Italian people.

"Anything like open revolt is hardly to be anticipated in the immediate future. What we may reckon with is the progressive increase of discouragement and disillusion which must further

weaken Italy's already palsied war effort.

"The day can scarcely be far distant when her geography will remain her sole contribution to the belligerent activities of the Axis."

UNPLEASANT FOR NAZIS

The Manchester Guardian says the failure and losses by the Italians will be extremely unpleasant for the Germans who will feel the effect of this defeat, while they should greatly encourage our friends and Allies in the Balkans by showing that neither Italy nor Germany can prevent our aid from reaching them.

The Daily Mail writes that one of the most important consequences of our smashing victory in the Duce's "mare nostrum" is that it will no doubt enable us to strengthen our naval position in the Atlantic.

MAJOR DISASTER

The News Chronicle says the smashing defeat of the Italian Navy in the Mediterranean is the latest of an unbroken series of reverses for the Duce, which together add up to a major disaster. The Daily Express: "For every Italian ship sunk, another British warship is freed for the Atlantic. That is the real disaster to Hitler. He used the Italian Fleet as bait and he is being beaten."

Chaotic Living Conditions In Shanghai Indicated

SHANGHAI, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—Eloquent indications of chaotic living conditions in Shanghai are contained in the latest statistics issued by the industrial section of the Municipal Council, which show the purchasing power of the Chinese dollar has dropped in March to only 14.71 cents compared with 1936.

The cost of living showed another spectacular rise last month when the general index of the cost of living of Shanghai workers rose from 602.29 in February to 679.98 (index figures mentioned are based on the standard of living ruling in 1936).

These conditions are chiefly responsible for the unbroken succession of strikes here. Business are at present affected by walk-outs, including tailor shops and foreign telegraph companies, all messengers of which are striking for an increase in living allowances.

NEW HEALTH LAWS

In order to better and safeguard health in Shanghai, new health laws will be introduced for approval at a ratepayers' meeting on April 17, according to an official announcement.

These include the registration of all doctors, midwives and others practising medicine; compulsory quarantine for patients suffering from communicable diseases; com-

SKILFUL CO-ORDINATION OF NAVY, AIRCRAFT

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Secondly, the battle was the first occasion on which severe losses were imposed on the enemy with the British forces completely unscathed.

The officer, continuing the story, said that about midday on Mar. 27, air reconnaissance reported enemy cruisers at sea south-east of Sicily.

ATTACK CONVOYS

The Commander-in-Chief was then at Alexandria with the main body of the British Mediterranean Fleet. Acting on the assumption that the enemy intended attacking British convoys between Egypt and Greece, the Commander-in-Chief instructed light forces, under Vice-Admiral H. Pridham-Wippell, to proceed to a position south of Crete, where it would be advantageously placed to intercept an enemy force attempting to interfere with traffic with Greece.

This force consisted of H.M.S. Orion together with the cruisers Ajax, Perth and Gloucester, with some destroyers.

The Commander-in-Chief had him H.M.S. Warspite, the battleships Valiant and Barham and the aircraft-carrier, Formidable together with some destroyers.

Increasing steam with the greatest despatch, this force steamed north-westwards from Alexandria hoping to intercept the enemy and bring them to action.

SHIPS SPOTTED

At 7.49 a.m. on Mar. 28, air reconnaissance reported one Littorio

class battleship, six cruisers and seven destroyers about 35 miles south of Gavdo Island, steering south-westwards.

Soon afterwards, this enemy force was joined by two more cruisers and at least two more destroyers. The light forces under Vice-Adm. Pridham-Wippell were now about 40 miles south-east of the enemy, while the main fleet was still steaming north-westwards.

Vice-Adm. Pridham-Wippell's cruiser force, acting on aircraft report, altered its course to the north and made contact with the enemy at 8 o'clock.

Desiring to lure the enemy towards the main British fleet, Adm. Pridham-Wippell turned the cruisers south-westwards. An hour later, however, the enemy attempted to escape and go north-west but the British cruiser force followed.

OUT OF RANGE

The British cruisers continued for nearly two hours and then 16 miles north sighted an Italian Littorio class battleship. The cruiser force immediately turned south-eastward in order to keep out of range of the Italian heavy guns and draw the enemy into contact with the main fleet.

Meanwhile, from the formidable a torpedo aircraft was launched. It attacked the battleship, claiming one possible hit. Either this, or the knowledge that the aircraft-carrier was in the vicinity, caused the battleship, together with its accompanying cruisers, to turn north-west attempting to escape to their bases.

The abrupt change of direction caused the cruiser force to lose touch with the Italians, but Adm. Pridham-Wippell's ships almost immediately sighted the British battle fleet, and the whole British force pressed on after the enemy.

EVENTFUL MORNING

Shortly after 11.35 a.m. on this eventful morning, another enemy force was sighted by a British aircraft 80 miles west of Gavdo Island. There were two Cavour class battleships, three cruisers and four destroyers.

About the same time, another aerial torpedo attack on a Littorio class battleship was launched when one hit was claimed.

During the early morning, British naval aircraft again located the enemy force with which touch had been temporarily lost. When the enemy was found, a further torpedo bombing attack was made, three torpedo hits on the battleship being claimed.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, R. A. F. Blenheim bombers attacked the enemy. Two direct hits on one cruiser, one on a destroyer and two probable hits on another cruiser were claimed.

FULL EFFECT

The full effect of these aerial attacks was seen at 4 o'clock in the afternoon when the Commander-in-Chief (Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham) received a report that the Littorio class battleship's speed was drastically reduced.

Sir Andrew Cunningham, therefore, ordered Adm. Pridham-Wippell's four light cruisers to press on and regain touch. Two more torpedo bombing attacks were made at dusk, but it was believed that the Italian battleship was not hit though one enemy cruiser was definitely hit.

Soon after dusk, the British light cruisers regained touch with the enemy. Some destroyers attacked while others remained with the main fleet for screening purposes.

Adm. Pridham-Wippell edged the cruisers to the north-west away from the destroyers. Soon after 8 p.m., an enemy vessel was reported damaged and stopped three miles to the port of the battle fleet's course.

ENGAGED SHIP

Sir Andrew immediately turned and engaged this ship which, it is now known, was the Italian cruiser Pola. Three more enemy cruisers then were sighted on the starboard bow consisting of two Zara class cruisers led by a smaller one.

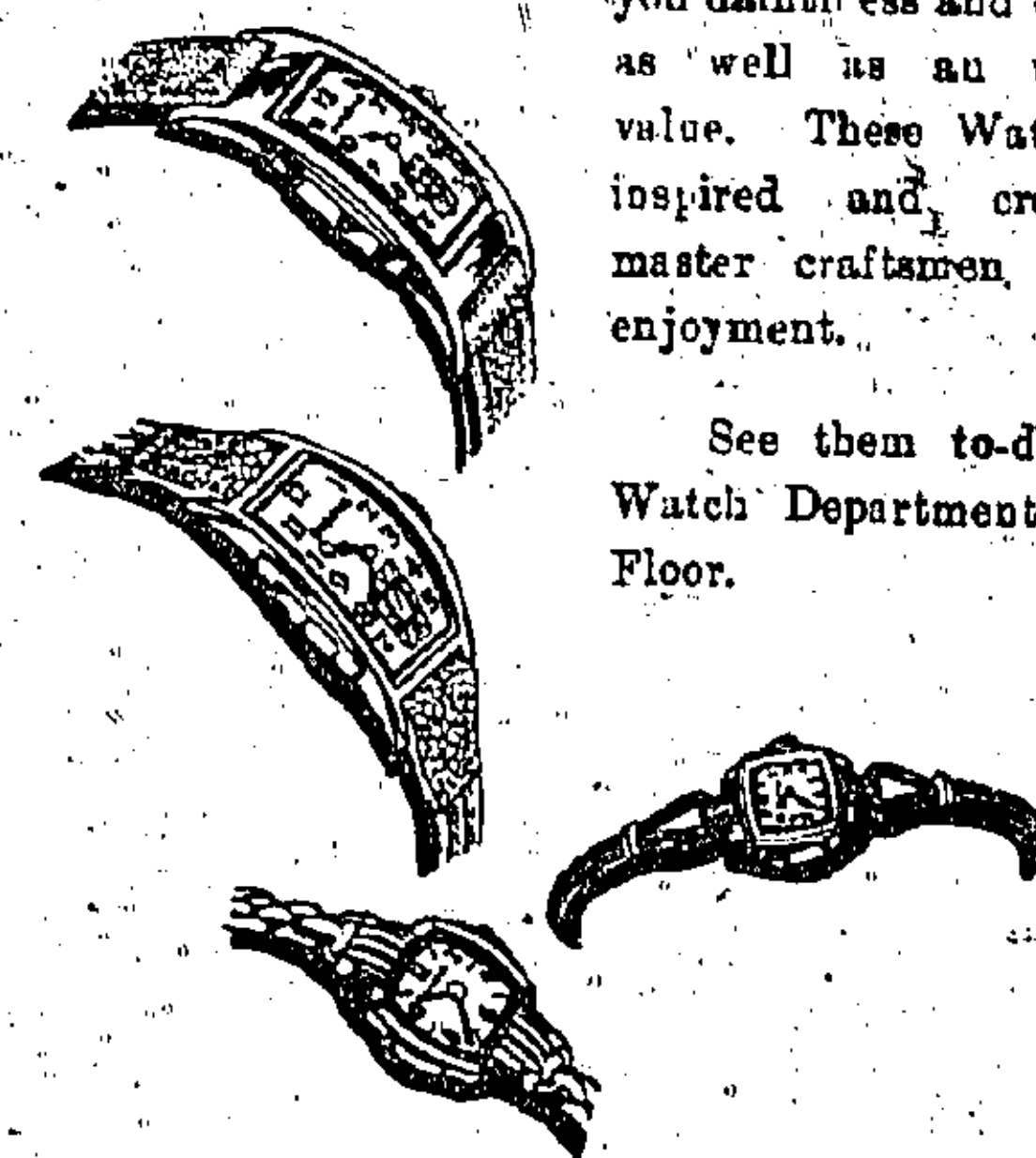
As the enemy force passed ahead, H. M. S. Greyhound illuminated the leading heavy Italian cruiser. The battle fleet immediately opened fire. The enemy must have been taken completely by surprise, and the first salvoes, at a range of about 400 yards, practically wrecked the unknown Chinese who ran away.

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ADVANCE TO ASMARA IS CONTINUING DESPITE EXTENSIVE DEMOLITION

The latest communiqué from Cairo, quoted in a London message, states that in LIBYA, advance elements of British forces were now in contact with enemy infantry and mechanised units.

In ERITREA, in spite of extensive demolition of the road from Keren to Asmara, the advance continues. During the last 48 hours a further 800 prisoners have been taken including a brigade commander.

In ABYSSINIA, although extensive damage have been done by the retreating Italians our forces advancing from Dire Dawa are making rapid progress.

In all other sectors penetration into SOUTHERN ABYSSINIA is enlarging particularly in the area north of Lake Rudolph.

Advancing rapidly, Imperial forces are now half way to Asmara and the speed with which the operations are being carried out is seen in the discovery of gun emplacements, perfectly suited to defences, abandoned by the Italians, states a London message. Considerable quantities of arms, ammunition, clothing and even food have come into our hands.

EXPERT WORK

Tribute is paid to the expert work of the British military sappers and engineers who within seven hours constructed a track circumventing a landslide created by the Italians. A battle for the ridge is reported to be in progress. A large number of Italian officers tied by car and left their men to get away as best they could.

The British forces are now in well-cultivated country the first seen since the capture of Kassala in the Sudan and with impending heavy rains the advance to Asmara.

DAIRY FARM LORRY IN ACCIDENT

A lorry of the Hongkong Dairy Farm Cold Storage Company was involved in an accident yesterday morning.

Ko Kwan, driver of lorry No. 6806, belonging to the Company, reported that about 8.30 while driving along Connaught Road to the Vehicular Ferry another lorry collided into the rear of his vehicle causing slight damage to both.

A learner driver, Ho Kai-tat, reported that while driving private car No. 3212 along Queen's Road, near Jubilee Street, he struck an unknown Chinese who ran away.

is a race with the climate as well as the enemy.

The South African Air Force have played a notable part in bringing about the state of collapse of Mussolini's dominion in Africa.

INDIANS PRAISED

NEW DELHI, April 1 (Reuter)—General Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in India, has sent a message congratulating the Indian troops in connexion with the capture of Keren concerning which he received messages appreciating the Indian troops' work from General Sir John Dill and General Sir Archibald Wavell.

"Tse-Fa" Racket

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the knowledge of their husbands, and live in constant dread of being found out. When the husband does find out, there is usually a first-class row which inevitably leads to separation.

DEPORTATION PROPOSED
The recent proposal announced by a Police official, that those with two convictions for keeping a "tse-fa" gaming house be deported, is highly commendable, but does not go far enough to effectively stamp out this parasite.

Ball should, in all cases, be fixed at \$1,000. The co-operation of the magistrates is not only necessary, but absolutely essential.

Under sub-section 2 of Section 7 of the Gambling Ordinance of 1891, it was enacted that "EVERY PERSON WHO SELLS, OR HAS IN HIS POSSESSION, WITH A VIEW TO SELL, LOTTERY TICKETS SHALL, UPON SUMMARY CONVICTION, BE LIABLE TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000." Rigid application of this power by the magistrates would speedily result in the total eradication of the "tse-fa" evil, as it is doubtful if any of these organisations are strong enough to meet a few of these fines daily.

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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

HEARING FIXED

Hearing of the case in which Lam Chak-yuen, 31, buyer, was charged with making an application at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs on March 18 for a passport in the name of one deceased, Wong Wing, with intent to defraud, and Lee Ying-yung, 25, insurance banker, and Tsang Sau-ming, 23, shop fook, were charged with aiding and abetting was fixed for 11.30 a.m. on April 15 by Mr. G.T. Lowry yesterday.

Mr. F.R. Zimmerman is appearing for first defendant, while second and third defendant will be represented by Mr. C.A. Sutherland RUS and Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, respectively.

Det. Sub-Ins. J. O'Donovan is prosecuting.

STOLEN SUITCASE

Lau Lau-shing, 19, unemployed, charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with stealing a suitcase containing \$72 worth of clothing, property of S/Sgt. Pickney at "D" Block of the Military Quarters in Kennedy Road on March 31, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Defendant admitted the offence. Det. Sgt. F. Nolan prosecuted.

POSSESSION OF CYPHER

Lau Lin-hung, 26, cashier, was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with unlawfully possession of a private code or cypher at No. 33, Bonham Strand West, ground floor, on March 31.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge, but added that the code was for a commercial purpose.

A fine of \$150 was imposed, while an order for the confiscation of the code was made.

Det. Sub-Ins. C.H. Goodwin prosecuted.

UNREGISTERED WARD

Li Kwan-yun, 24, married woman, of No. 14, Po Lung Terrace, ground floor, was fined \$25 by Mr. H.G. Sheldon yesterday for possessing a 12-year-old ward.

Tung Kuk, and falling to report on or before Sept. 24, 1938.

Insp. R.W. Fraser of the S.C.A. said that at 8 p.m. on Saturday, the girl was seen wandering in Hennessy Road by a Chinese female, who took her to the Police Station. On Monday both the girl and defendant were summoned to the S.C.A. There the girl stated that she was presented by her parents to a Chinese woman in Canton four years ago and was later transferred to defendant.

ILLEGAL PAWNING

Convicted of illegal pawning of a diamond gold ring, valued at \$200, the property of Ip Lau-ching, splinter, of No. 13, Second Street, ground floor, Fong Hok-man, 28, accountant, was fined \$50, or one month's hard labour, by Mr. Sheldon yesterday and ordered to pay \$45 compensation to complainant or serve a further month.

Accused was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, while the prosecution was conducted by Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett.

In the witness box, defendant said that in 1939, complainant handed him a diamond and asked him to take it to a goldsmith to have it set in a gold ring. This he did and paid \$19.44. Then he pawned the ring under her in-

structions for \$45 and gave the money, minus the sum he paid for the setting of the diamond, together with the pawn ticket to her.

COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

Wong Kiu-fai, alias Wong Kung-but, 31, salesman, was committed to the Criminal Sessions by Mr. Lowry yesterday, when hearing of the case in which he is charged on ten counts of embezzlement, fraudulent conversion and falsification of accounts of sums totalling more than \$30,000 was concluded.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. P.Y. Woo, appeared for the prosecution and Det. Sgt. R. Macvey for the Police, while defendant was represented by Mr. J.M. d'Almada Remedios.

Wong is charged with embezzlement of \$5,000 on Dec. 28, 1939, then being a clerk in the employ of Chan Siu-wah and others carrying on business under the firm name of Wing Shun, No. 19, Sai Yuen Lane, West Point; of \$237.25 on Dec. 28, 1939, and of \$19,171.78 on Jan. 1, 1940, and three counts of fraudulent conversion of the sums, which are alternative charges.

The remaining four counts of falsification of accounts alleged that on Dec. 28, 1939, with intent to defraud, he omitted or concurred in omitting from or in a daily clearance book belonging to the firm the receipt of \$5,000 from the Yuen Lee Hong firm; on the same date he omitted the receipt of \$237.25 also from the same firm; on June 16, 1939, he made or concurred in making a false entry in a daily clearance book purporting to show that the cash balance carried forward in respect of the previous month was \$8,824.60, whereas in fact the said cash balance amounted to \$14,681.85; on Sept. 12, 1939, he made a false entry in the same book purporting to show that the total receipts for the current month amounted to \$23,832.44, whereas in fact the total receipts amounted to \$25,073.24.

WIFE OFFERS TO GO TO PRISON

Saying that her family of several children and aged mother depended on her husband for a living, a young woman appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday and offered to go to prison herself on behalf of him, when the latter was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Defendant was Ku Shi-yu, 28, shroff, of No. 41, Hollywood Road, third floor, charged with that between Jan. 1 and Mar. 28, then being in the employ of the "Kwok Wah Yat Po" (local Chinese newspaper), embezzling money amounting to \$310.21.

Det. Sgt. W. Summers said that defendant was employed at a salary of \$18 a month. Defendant became sick and used some of the newspaper's money for payment of his doctor's fees and medicine bills.

After hearing defendant's wife's plea, Mr. Lowry promised her help from the Poor Box in case she needed financial assistance.

AT KOWLOON

UNAUTHORISED COLLECTION

Convicted of obtaining money for charity without permission from the Commissioner of Police, a 22-year-old married woman, Chan Chun, was fined \$50 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday.

Defendant said that she met a Miss Wong at the Shamshui Ferry Wharf and was requested to give her help and that she was ignorant of the regulations.

Two tins, which contained 68 cents, were ordered to be confiscated.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Capt. H. A. Sweet, of Camille Apartment, Belfra Road, summoned before Mr. Macnamara yesterday for failing to cover the headlights of his car properly during the recent black-out exercises and for failing to produce his licence, was dismissed with a caution.

H. Basto, of Messrs. Basto and Co., Ice House Street, summoned for using uncovered headlights during the black-out exercises, was fined \$5.

Traffic Sub-Ins. Brittain prosecuted.

BLACK-OUT OFFENCES

More than 40 summonses for black-out offences were heard by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday.

S. Kemp, of No. 4B, Hart Avenue, summoned for failing to screen his

FALSE IMPRISONMENT, ASSAULT ALLEGED: DAMAGES CLAIMED

A suit claiming \$1,000 for damages for assault and false imprisonment committed by the defendants on plaintiffs was brought before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Summary Court yesterday.

The disputing parties were Lau Sheung-chong, merchant, of No. 42 Hol Pong Sai Street, Shaokwan, and Ip Nam, cook employed by the War Department, of No. 5 Black, Austin Barracks, who brought the action against Chan Tse-chau, managing partner of the Tung Tak firm, No. 29 Wing Wo Street, ground floor, and Lam Tai-shing, junk master, of Junk No. T3998H, lying at Tai Kok Tsui harbour.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland RUS, while Mr. M. A. da Silva was for the second defendant. First defendant was not in Court and was not represented.

Det. Sgt. J. R. Sykes said that he was on duty on Nov. 19, 1940, when five Chinese males came into the charge room of the Central Police Station. The first two, Chan Tse-chau and Lam Tai-shing, made a complaint that the other three, including both plaintiffs in the present case, had created a disturbance at No. 29 Wing Wo Street. Inquiries were made but there was insufficient evidence for him (witness) to lay a charge.

In answer to Mr. Silva, witness stated that when he asked Lau if he would like to go to Queen Mary Hospital, the latter replied that he would get his own practitioner.

DEBT OF \$1,800

Lau Sheung-chong, in evidence, stated that he was the managing partner of the Map Sing and Man Sang firms, fish dealers in Macao, with a branch in Shaokwan, when Lam Tai-shing's father, Lam Kit, died he left a debt of \$1,800 (in Canton silver currency). Lam paid part of this, leaving \$1,000.

On Nov. 17 he saw Lam and reminded him of the debt. Lam told him to go to his financier at the Tung Tak firm but Lam was not there when he went there. On Nov. 19 at about 8 p.m., after receiving a telephone call from Lam, witness went to 29 Wing Wo Street, accompanied by Ip Nam and Ip Kung-chui.

Lam was not in when he arrived but came in later with Chan Tse-chau and two others. Chan, witness alleged, first threw a tin box

lights properly during the black-out exercises, was fined \$3.

Facing a similar charge, H. Silva, of No. 6, Salisbury Avenue, was dismissed.

Fines ranging from \$3 to \$10 were imposed on other offenders.

D. O. SOUTH

BOUND OVER

Charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday with trespassing in a prohibited area, namely No. 2 Hill, Shing Mun Mine, on March 31, Cheung Fung, Chan San and Ng Ki were bound over in the sum of \$50 each.

GAMBLERS FINED

Lam Sun-yau, Keung Siu-hing, Leung Sang and Chan Cheung were fined \$2, or two days hard labour, each when they were convicted by Mr. Balfour on the charge of gambling at dice at Wing On Street, Ping Chan Island, on March 31. Table money, amounting to 59 cents were donated to the poor box. Sgt. May prosecuted.

MARINE COURT

ENTERED MINEFIELD

Seven junk masters were charged before Comdr. T. C. Stitt at the Marine Court yesterday with entering prohibited area—the North Lantau Channel, minefield—on Monday. They were seen by Naval authorities and were detained and later handed over to the Police.

Six of them were fined \$30 each or, in default, 30 days' imprisonment, while the seventh, also charged with failing to have a licence for his junk, was fined a total of \$37 or seven days.

Sgt. Hughes prosecuted.

SOLICITING

Tang Foon, married woman, found guilty of unlawfully boarding a ship in harbour for the purpose of soliciting, was fined \$50 or two months. Defendant had one previous conviction.

STOWAWAY FINED

Charged with boarding a vessel without permission, Wang Kat-chu was fined \$7, while Wang Ming, charged with boarding a ship for the purpose of stowing away to Shanghai, was fined \$14 or 14 days.

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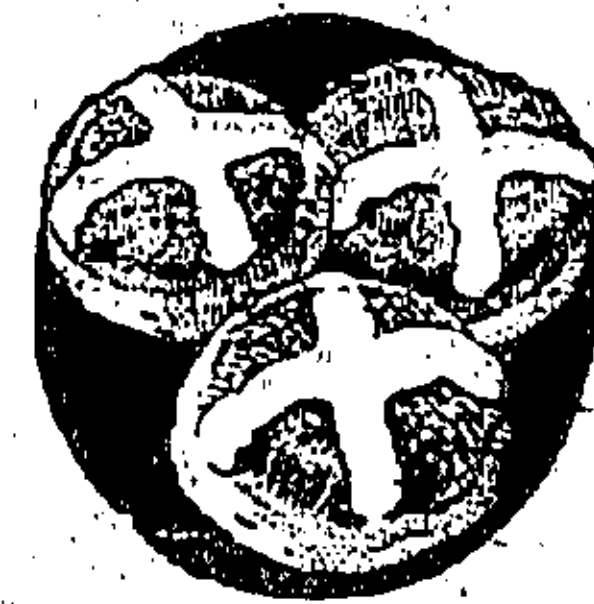
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Mr. Richard Dimbleby (left), the BBC's War Correspondent with the British forces in the Near and Middle East, with Mr. D. Howarth and Mr. F. Sarney of the BBC staff, talking to Mr. R. T. Clark, Home News Editor. Mr. Dimbleby, with the mobile recording unit, was in France with the B.E.F., and his recorded despatches which he is at present sending from the Near and Middle East are a notable feature of the BBC's news. He was among the first to enter Bardia, and his despatch told how officers and men offered to surrender to him.

HOW ITALIAN WARSHIPS WERE LURED INTO BRITISH TRAP

ALEXANDRIA, April 1 (Reuter)—How the Italian warships were led into a trap is now revealed. The cruiser Orion (sister-ship of the Achilles and Ajax of Graf Spee fame) contacted enemy ships and lured them towards the British battle fleet for about four hours until the enemy battleship, stated to be the 35,000-ton Vittorio Veneto, was damaged by the Fleet Air Arm.

After this, the Italians, possibly scenting a trap in the Orion's tactics, about turned. When the enemy retired, the objective of the British light forces was to try and cut off the damaged enemy battleship which was then reported about 30 miles distant heading for Italy, listing and badly down by the stern.

The British light forces carried out a circling movement at full speed in order to place themselves ahead of the enemy despite the fact that the latter was much heavier and superior in force, but no contact was made and it was found that the cruisers Flume and Zara, which had previously been accompanying the Vittorio Veneto, had returned to help the stricken cruiser, Pola.

This move either indicated that they did not realise the full strength of the distant British battle fleet or was designed to create a diversion to enable the Italian battleship to escape.

FIUME, ZARA BLASTED
It was while the British light forces were searching for the enemy battleship that the British battle fleet blasted the Flume and Zara.

As the destroyer flotilla led by the Jervis approached the scene of the blazing Italian cruisers, the sea was dotted with 700 or 800 men, some of whom were picked up but the British ships were unable to wait as other Italian ships were menacing them and the cruiser Pola, though motionless, was still unaccounted for.

WHITE SHEET
As the Jervis approached the Pola flung out a large white sheet and her crew were drawn up on the quarterdeck apparently ready to surrender. The Pola's private papers and the ship's books were

burning beneath the after gun turret.

A gangplank was thrown across between the quarterdecks of the Pola and the Jervis and the surrendering Italians clambered aboard. Meanwhile as the Pola was surrendering the remaining British destroyers were cruising round picking up survivors. The prisoners included an official naval war correspondent who is also an artist. He said he had already prepared a picture of British ships sinking but he tore it up when he found that it was Italian and not British ships that were being sunk.

SUPERIOR INSTRUMENTS
An interesting point with regard to this action is that the British were able to pick out the Italian in the darkness before they themselves were seen. A large measure of the success must be credited to the superiority of British optical instruments to the German instruments used by the Italians.

The ceaseless practice of the British fleet in night fighting also undoubtedly contributed to the signal victory. It seems probable that the Italians put to sea in an attempt to intercept British convoys.

Asked whether he thought the Italians put to sea under German control, Admiral Cunningham was of the opinion that they probably put to sea "under German instigation."

United States Seizure Of Axis Ships: Measure Taken On President's Instruction

WASHINGTON, April 1 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt has indicated that he personally ordered the seizure of Italian, German and Danish ships at American ports during the week-end.

This was revealed at a press conference on the train taking him back to Washington, but he declined to comment.

The seized ships totalled 296,715 tons, it was announced by the Coast Guard service here.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, defended the Government's action in seizing German, Italian and Danish ships at a press conference yesterday.

He said that he would not talk at present about the final disposition of the ships.

He had not heard anyone question the absolute legality of the seizure and emphasised that justification for it was based on the fact that attempted sabotage in the ships endangered American ports.

Asked whether the seizure could be construed as a step towards war, Mr. Hull replied that the United States Government had for some time pursued a course of aid to Britain and other nations under the formula of all available aid short of war.

"That is the formula followed so far," he added.

FRENCH SHIPS, TOO
Well-informed circles here think that there is a strong possibility

that following the seizure of Italian, German and Danish ships, the United States will take the same action in regard to French ships, of which there are now 15 in American ports.

Replying to questions, Treasury officials intimated that action was possible later this week. The officials are now studying the final disposal of the seized ships which at present remain in "protective custody," the title still remaining with the original owners.

According to Treasury officials, it is very probable that the ships will be placed in service in view of Britain's need of ships and the general shortage of shipping.

MANILA SEIZURES

MANILA, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—Four Danish ships in Philippine waters, aggregating 23,800 tons, have been taken into "protective custody" by the United States Navy.

Admiral Thomas C. Hart, C-in-C, United States Asiatic Fleet, explained that the action was taken in order to prevent sabotage by the crews.

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Cements, \$17.80.
Watsons, X.D., \$9.70.

"ASTRONOMICAL" COST OF WAR TO BRITISH TAXPAYER

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—"The astronomical" cost of the war to the British taxpayer, is revealed in revenue returns issued last night showing that Britain has spent the record amount of £3,857,245,670 in the financial year which ended last night.

The total ordinary revenue from new taxation, to narrow the enormous gap between expenditure and revenue, which has otherwise to be bridged by borrowing.

The supply services, including the fighting forces, accounted for £3,637,113,000 of the expenditure as against £1,078,257,000 last year.

A cheering feature of the returns is the net increase of £359,678,404 in total ordinary revenue over last year's yield. The revenue exceeded the Chancellor's estimate by over £48,000,000 largely owing to the success of new taxes including the Purchase Tax which he introduced in his July Budget.

Most revenue items show substantial increases including Customs and Excise (presumably including Purchase Tax) which together are over £129,000,000 higher than last year's figures.

The total expenditure in the year it may be noted, averaged £10,500,000 per day but the expenditure during the past three months averaged nearly £13,000,000 per day.

The excess of expenditure over revenue was covered by borrowing. The floating debt was increased by £1,324,000,000 during the year and it now amounts to £2,813,410,000, compared with £1,489,200,000 a year ago.

"It is this: that you northern folk have marked out for yourselves a fine and true road of democratic achievement. You have found an excellent middle way in national policy and the common welfare. We have admired you because we saw you taking leaps ahead in the right direction, and doing this in the spirit of freedom."

Saying that events in Norway helped bring Winston Churchill to the helm of Britain, Mr. Ratcliffe gave a detailed account of the men in the present British government, and concluded fitly with the Prime Minister himself. "Churchill is the greatest living master of the English tongue, as brilliant in statement as he is compelling in rhetoric. He wields the unusual power of cumulative eloquence. He does not go beyond his strongest passage. He is sure to close on his finest note."

"It is under Churchill's superb leadership that the British are toiling and fighting for the very life of Great Britain, and as he himself has said, for the liberation of the common people of all lands."

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

APRIL 1, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/8 7/4	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 7/4	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 452	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 102 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/8 6/8	
and demand 82 6/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/4	
Credits, 60 days sight 25	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 45 1/2	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 100	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48 1/2	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/2	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Tuesday, Apr. 1.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for Ready and 23 7/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being idle and featureless. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot. The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to May, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Business was done during the early part of the morning at 24 9/16 for near delivery. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 24 1/2 up to May, buyers at 24 5/8 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 464 with business done later at 463 and 462 1/4. The market closed with sellers at 462, buyers probably at 462 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3 15/64 and then receded to 3 7/32. At the close there were sellers again at 3 15/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 9/32 and then eased off to 5 1/4. At the close there were sellers again at 5 9/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

STERLING

Closed with sellers at 1/3 up to May, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Nothing doing. The market closed with sellers at 24 1/2 up to May, buyers at 24 5/8 for Cash and forward.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Closed with sellers at 462, buyers at 462 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

The Sterling market closed with sellers at 3 15/64 and U.S. Dollars at 5 9/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, April 1 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates	
Opening	Closing
London 0/3-3/16	0/3-3/16
New York 5-3/16	5-3/16
Japan 22	22
India 17-5/8	17-5/8
Paris nominal	nominal
Hongkong 21-1/8	21-1/8
Sterling	
Opening	Closing
Spot 0/3-15/64	0/3-15/64
Apr. 0/3-15/64	0/3-15/64
May 0/3-7/32	0/3-7/32
U.S. Dollars	
Spot	Closing
Spot \$5-9/32	\$5-9/32
Apr. 5-9/32	5-9/32
May 5-1/4	5-1/4
Market—Dull	
Silver Duty Rate	
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.	
The Equalization rate was 24 1/2 per cent	

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Mar. 31, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.31	11.18	11.31	0.08 off
New York Rubber, May	22.52	22.52	22.52	0.13 off
Chicago Wheat, May	92 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	1 off
New York Hides, June	14.16	13.88	13.87	0.27 up

NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	11.31/31	11.31/30	11.28/28	0.03 off
July	11.24/28	11.23/23	11.23/23	0.01 off
October	11.15/18	11.12/12	11.10/10	0.05 off
December	11.15/17	11.10/11	11.07/08	0.08 off
January	11.12 N	11.08/08	11.06 N	0.06 off
March	11.10/11	11.07/07	11.05/08	0.05 off
Spot	11.81		11.58	0.03 off

Total sales Saturday:—138,000 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	22.55/68	22.55/68	22.52/52	0.13 off
July (New contract)	22.18/20	22.10/20	21.95/95	0.23 off
September	21.70/70	21.65/70	21.52/52	0.18 off
December	21.40/50a	21.40/40	21.23 N	0.17 off

Total sales for the day:—120 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2	1 off
July	90 1/2/90 1/2	90 1/2/90 1/2	89 1/2/90 1/2	1 off
September	91 1/2/91 1/2	90 1/2/90 1/2	90 1/2/90 1/2	1 off

Saturday's sales:—18,554,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	68 1/2/68 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2	1 off
July	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2	1 off
September	68 1/2/68 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2	1 off

NEW YORK HIDES	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
June	13.87/90	14.05/05	14.14/14	0.27 up
September	13.97/97	14.16/17	14.22/23	0.25 up

Total sales for the day:—227 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	6.97 N	7.01/01	6.88 N	0.11 off

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	2.39/41a	2.46/47a	2.46/47a	0.07 up
July	2.41/42a	2.47/48a	2.47/48a	0.06 up

Volume of business done:—360 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	8.34/84a	8.3b/88a	8.4b/85a	0.04 up
July	8.74/88a	8.8b/89a	8.9b/89a	0.11 up

Volume of business done:—80 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
July	11.88/90a	11.87b/93a	11.85b/87a	0.01 off

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
July	8.27b/29a	8.24/24	8.24/24	0.03 off

N.Y. Official Silver	Unquoted
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/4

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

APRIL 1, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	31 1/2	Loew's Inc.	31 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	Loft Incorporated	18 1/2
Allis Chalmers	29 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	27
Aluminum Ltd.	74	Martin, Glenn L.	28
Amer. Can.	88 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	27 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	34 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37
Amer. & Foreign Power	17	Mt. Airy Copper Co.	3
Amer. Locomotive	13	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	64	National Distillers	20 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	National Lead	15 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	40	Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	160 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	82 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	6	Niagara Hudson Power	24
Anaconda Copper	24 1/2	N. American Aviation	14
Armstrong	25 1/2	North American Co.	15
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	14 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	42 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	26 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	8 1/2	Packard Motors	22
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Pan-American Airways	11 1/2
Bendix Aviation	36 1/2	Paramount Pictures	12 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	76 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	24 1/2
Bliss & Co.	15 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	15 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	25 1/2
Borg-Warner	17 1/2	Pullman Inc.	26 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	20 1/2	Pure Oil	8
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	3 1/2	Reading Company, Com	14 1/2
Case, J.I.	47 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Celanese	22 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	34 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	40 1/2	Republic Steel	18 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	62 1/2	Revere Corp.	6 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	3 1/2	Reynold Tobacco "B"	31 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	28 1/2	Safeway Stores	38 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Schenley Distillers	10
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Sears Roebuck	72 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Continental Can	37 1/2	Socoy-Vacuum Oil	9
Continental Oil	18 1/2	Southern Pacific	9 1/2
Copperweld Steel	15 1/2	Southern Ry. \$5 pfd.	23 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Spartan Manufacturing Co.	32 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	27 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Deere & Co.	21 1/2	Standard Oil of California	20
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	15	Standard Oil of N.J.	35 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	72 1/2	Stone & Webster	6 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	14 1/2	Studebaker, Com.	6
Eagle Picher Lead	9	Swift International	13 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	33 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Elec. Autolite	29 1/2	Texas Corp.	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	3	Texas Gulf Sulphur	34 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pfd.	61	Timken-Axle	30 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pfd.	60 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pfd.	34 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	6
Flintkote	13 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	11 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	51 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	65 1/2
Gen. Electric	39 1/2	Union Pacific	77 1/2
Gen. Motors	42 1/2	United Aircraft	37 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	13	United Airlines Trans.	13
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11	United Corp.	5
Gillette Co.	13 1/2	United Corp. \$5 cum pfd.	24
Goodrich (B.F.)	13	United Gas Corp.	2 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pfd.	60 1/2	United Gas Improvement	8 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	24
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	U.S. Rubber	22 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	25 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$5 pfd.	91 1/2
Great Western Sugar	25 1/2	U.S. Smelting	61 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	U.S. Steel	58 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	48	Vanadium	28 1/2
Homestake Mining	28 1/2	Vanadium Aircraft	6 1/2
Int. Nickel	28 1/2	Walworth Co.	4 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	13 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	27 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	24	Westinghouse Elec.	94 1/2
Johnsman	59 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	27 1/2
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1940/41				Apr. 1, 1941.				
High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Mar. 29,	High	Low	Close	Change	
152.80	111.64	30 Industrials	192.37	192.32	192.72	192.72	.35 up	
32.67	22.15	20 Rails	28.85	28.81	28.87	28.87	.12 up	
93.48	18.03	20 Utilities	19.49	19.75	19.46	19.69	.20 up	
89.19	83.08	40 Bonds	91.35		91.68	91.68	.22 up	
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Moonbeam Waltz (after Rubinstein's 'Melody in F')—The New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra w. Vocal Refrain by Sam Browne.

8.30 Studio—'Makers of Medicine' No. 3: 'A Woman Healer Who Never Failed—St. Hildegard.' Talk by Father G. Byrne.

8.50 The Kentucky Minstrels.

Songs from the Kentucky Minstrel Plantation Medley (arr. Doris Arnold) Banjo Song Medley—Intro: Ring de Banjo; A Banjo Song—with The Kentucky Banjo Team Soloists: J. Duncan and G. Stearn Scott.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour.'

9.30 Musical Comedy Selections.

'Follow the Sun' Selection—'Jack Jackson's' Dorchester Hotel Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. 'Conversation Piece' (Noel Coward); 'Nevermore'; 'I'll Follow My Secret Heart—Gloria Grant' (Soprano) with Orchestra. 'Stoop Press'—Selection—New Mayfair Orchestra w. Vocal Refrain. 'Clamorous Night' (Novello); 'Fold Your Wings—Mary Ellis and Trevor Jones w. Orch. Shine Through My Dreams—Trevor Jones (Tenor) w. Orch.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 Studio—The First of a series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and Today by Evelyn Wood. Illustrations by scenes from Classical and Modern Plays.

Those taking part are:—Peggy Chubb, Fannie Cox, Sheila Mackinlay, Claude Burgess, Cyril Jones, E. O'Neil Shaw.

10.35 Variety.

Comedian—Down in the Valley; Ophelia—Max Miller with Orchestra Two Pianos—'The Great Ziegfeld'—Fox-Trot Medley—The Keyboarders w. Drums. Comedienne—Don't You Ever Fall in Love (Flynn and Egan)—Allison Stanley with Orchestra. Organ—Leslie Stuart Selection—Reginald Foot. Comedian—No. No. No. (Miller)—Max Miller with Orchestra.

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Full Bulletin	8.30 a.m.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 2 to 8 Apr. 1941.

High Water.		Low Water.	
Days of Week	Time	Days of Week	Time
Wed. 2	h. m. 00 38	h. m. 05 42	h. m. 03 32
Thur. 3	11 49	06 22	19 19
Fri. 4	01 27	05 56	3 5
Sat. 5	12 24	05 20	2 4
Sun. 6	02 44	04 05	3 6
Mon. 7	13 15	03 21	4 4
Tues. 8	04 49	02 05	3 8
	14 19	01 21	2 2
	05 01	00 35	4 1
	15 37	00 25	3 0
	06 49	00 14	4 0
	17 04	00 1	—
	07 19	00 47	1 7
	18 21	00 53	2 6

SECRET MOVEMENTS OF U.S. FLEET IN SOUTH PACIFIC AROUSE SPECULATION

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (Central)—Strict secrecy concerning the future movements and the refusal of the Navy Department to comment on the whereabouts and destination of the United States warships which recently completed visits to New Zealand and Australia have caused much speculation here.

The United States might keep its fleets indefinitely in South Pacific for the sake of their moral influence on Japan, according to well-informed circles.

The thirteen warships—the largest United States fleet to visit Australia and New Zealand in the last 16 years—remained a week longer and visited more cities than what the Navy originally described as a goodwill and recreation cruise.

It is suggested in certain quarters that the United States is attempting to keep the Japanese guessing regarding American intentions of strengthening the anti-Axis defences in South Pacific and more significance is being attached to the secret movements of the warships following reports from Berlin when Mr. Matsuoka was assertedly told by the Germans that Japan must make up her mind to enter actively into the fight against Britain by attacking Singapore or be left to face both England and the United States alone.

WEATHER OF MARCH

RAINFALL AGAIN ABOVE NORMAL

The weather during March was unsettled, with frequent rainfall and very variable temperatures. From the 1st to the 18th it was mainly cloudy and wet; there was a brief spell of fine sunny weather from the 17th to 19th, and the next few days were fair and very warm.

During the remainder of the month the sky was almost continuously overcast, with occasional rain or drizzle. A renewed onset of the NE monsoon brought cold weather during the last two days of the month.

Four thunderstorms occurred during March, and there was fog on the 7th-8th and 23rd-24th.

The mean temperature for the month was 84.2 deg. F., which is 1.1 deg. normal. A maximum of 82.8 deg. was recorded on the 23rd, and a minimum of 53.0 deg. on the 30th. The mean relative humidity was 85 per cent. against a normal of 83 per cent. Sunshine amounted to 57 hours, which is 27 hours less than normal.

ABNORMAL RAINFALL

Rainfall exceeded the normal for the third month in succession, the total for March being 7.82 inches, against a normal of 2.96 inches. The total rainfall since January 1 is now 15.97 inches, which is nearly three times the normal total for the first three months of the year.

The maximum wind velocity to a gust was 51 m.p.h. at 3 a.m. on the 11th during a heavy rain squall.

NEW COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

The Kwangsi Provincial Government has instructed the National Kwangsi University to establish a College of Commerce for training competent personnel for the development of commerce in the Southwest.—(Central News)

THE OLD VIKING SPIRIT!

Although the Norwegian freighter KERET sank within thirty seconds when torpedoed by a German submarine in the Atlantic a few members of the crew escaped drowning by clinging to a raft which "broke loose from the sinking ship. As the survivors lay tossing upon heavy seas, the U-boat approached them.

"What ship was that we torpedoed?"

"Keret, of Bergen."

"How many tons?"

"Twenty-one hundred."

"Thanks and goodbye!"

And the submarine disappeared.

Shortly afterwards a British destroyer sighted the floating raft and came alongside. But the Norwegians were not concerned with being rescued.

"Go after the U-boat first! We can wait."

For eight hours the sailors waited—in the wintry north Atlantic. Then the destroyer returned, after locating and sinking the submarine, and rescued the patient Vikings.

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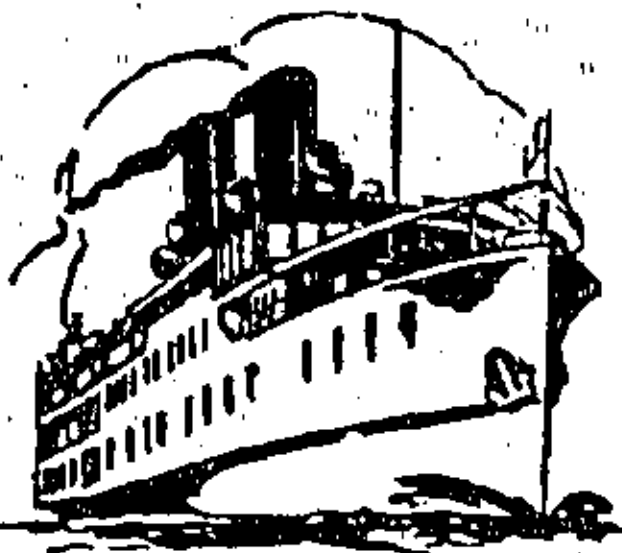
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Immigration Inquiry

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say that when he returned in the afternoon he was given the permit, after a wait of an hour, by the clerk—although the permit was lying among a bundle of permits on the desk all the time he was asked to wait.

"ABSOLUTELY NOTHING"

He had, however, to pay another \$2 despite the fact that he showed the clerk the General Agent's receipt for the \$2. The following day his clerk obtained the refund of the \$2 from the General Agent who, however, refused to refund the dollar charged for services although "he did absolutely nothing except to issue the two receipts".

Referring to the second complaint, Mr. Forrest asked Mr. Rocha whether he would accept his (Mr. Forrest's) statement that he has an extremely bad memory for faces. Mr. Rocha replied that he would not accept that, nor that Mr. Forrest did not remember who he was when "every Tom, Dick and Harry knows me by sight".

Mr. Forrest:—You told the Chinese clerk you were a Consul?—Yes. Meaning by that?—That I expected certain considerations and privileges over the other people in the Colony.

What considerations did you expect from the Chinese clerk?—The consideration due to a Consul. In this particular case, I expected him to take my word for it, as a Consul, that the case was urgent.

In reply to further questions, Mr. Rocha said that he was not dealing with a junior clerk but with the chief clerk, and pointed to Mr. W. H. Chen. When told by Mr. Forrest that Mr. Chen was not the chief clerk, Mr. Rocha replied that he did not know that gentleman's position.

Mr. Rocha further stated that he was definite that the permit was not completed before his call that morning, and that the General Agent did nothing whatever on his behalf.

Replying to Mr. Chen, Mr. Rocha said that he found Mr. Chen very courteous all the time.

MR. WONG'S COMPLAINTS
Mr. Wong Tong was then called. He stated that his son was the owner of the Sun Ying Ming Studio, and that he himself was the Chairman of the Hongkong Chinese Photographers Guild.

Mr. Wong's first complaint was in connexion with the publication of a notice, issued by the Immigration Officer, that his qualifications to guarantee applications for permits had been cancelled. He asked what rights the Immigration Officer had to say that he was not a fit and proper person to guarantee applications.

Mr. Wong's second complaint was against the granting of exclusive rights to take photographs for the Immigration Office to the General Agent which monopoly, he said, was killing all the business of the members of the Guild, and which consequently made "public feelings excited and indignant."

NO REPLY TO LETTER

On Jan. 16, a letter was sent to Mr. Forrest by the Photographers Guild asking why Mr. Kobza was appointed General Agent and why the other agencies were cancelled. There was no reply to this letter, said Mr. Wong.

Questioned as to an article which appeared in various Chinese newspapers, Mr. Wong said that that was a copy of the letter he addressed to the Chinese Representatives on the Council, but he did not know who sent the copy in.

Mr. Forrest:—Is this phrase "as to what is behind the scenes, it can be imagined?" contained in your letter?—Yes.

And you still insist that your article did not inflame the people?—If you had replied to our letter there would have been no letter to the Chinese representatives. We waited one week for your reply before we went to see the Chinese representatives.

You discovered your name on my black-list as one whose guarantee would not be accepted?—Why was I black-listed?

TOOK NO ACTION

When you discovered that what action did you take?—I did nothing.

You did not appeal to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs?—No.

You did not see your solicitor?—No.

You did not see the Chinese representatives about this?—No.

You did not write to me to remove your name from the black-list?—As you did not reply to my letter

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HONGKONG ROTARY CLUB TIFFIN ADDRESS

Rev. Sandbach Describes The Miao Tribes Of Yunnan

THE MIAO TRIBES OF YUNNAN WERE THE SUBJECT OF A VERY INTERESTING TALK BY THE REV. J. E. SANDBACH, Chaplain of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, when he addressed the Hongkong Rotary Club yesterday.

Mr. Sandbach left the Miao country about seven years ago. He was first attracted to it a good many years before that when he swapped prizes with another boy at Sunday School in his home village of "Sandbach and came into possession of a volume entitled "Tight Corners in China" by the Rev. Samuel Pollard.

Mr. Pollard first visited the Miao country some 50 years ago and one of his contributions to the life of the tribes was a written language, which he devised for them from a mixture of Pitman's shorthand, biblical, Hebrew and Chinese characters.

Yunnan, Mr. Sandbach told Hongkong Rotarians yesterday, is a country of great majestic mountains where dwell one of the most fascinating, most lovable people he ever came to know—the Miaos. They had their own names for their many landmarks and villages, and it was in the "City of Majestic Peace" that he was robbed one midnight by a band of brigands.

ESCORT OF 250!
There were many bands of brigands and there were, often, escorts to accompany the traveller. He travelled once with an escort of 250 well-armed men, on another occasion accompanied by one old man with a spear as his "sole weapon".

There are three clans of the Miao tribe. They were the Black Miao, so called because they wore black clothing, the River Miao, who lived by the river, and the Flowery Miao, whose apparel was of many colours. Short of stature, the Miao, Mr. Sandbach said, have short black hair, are yellow-skinned and broad-nosed.

WONDERFUL STAMINA.
Of wonderful stamina, they excelled as long-distance runners, and he ventured to say they were unbeatable at long runs. Mr. Sandbach continued, and the time would come when they would compete with others in this sport. He had seen a Miao runner win a race of about 10 miles and looked at the end of it like a piece of well-oiled machinery good for another 100 miles.

For food, they made a kind of buckwheat cake and a dish of steamed maize that tasted to him like damp sawdust, but which they seemed to enjoy very much and to thrive on. They had meat only

of Jan. 16, why should I write to you again. Did you suggest to any of my staff that you would be a suitable man for the General Agency?—No. Mr. Brown:—Were you blacklisted on Feb. 26, or about 40 days after the letter. After Mr. Wong's evidence, Mr. Forrest handed in a list of figures which, he said, were extracts from a cash book in his office. The figures showed that over a certain period of February and March, the daily turnover of cash averaged \$24,215.

ADJOURNED SINE DIE
Prior to adjourning, the Inquiry sine die, the Chairman referred to a report of Saturday's hearing in a certain European newspaper in the Colony where the name of a certain official of the Post Office given by Mr. Forrest, during his questioning of Mr. Pudney, was given in the report. Two other European newspapers referred, and in his Lordship's opinion correctly so, to the gentleman as "a certain official of the Post Office."

It was true, said the Chairman, that the paper in question was technically within its rights in mentioning the name.

USE OF NAMES DEPRECATED
"I can only say," went on Sir Atholl, "that while it is no part of the business of the Commission to consider the action of that officer was right or wrong, or whether he was at all important, I do deprecate the use of names and the introduction of personalities into that. It would be much better to refrain from personalities and refer to persons in impersonal ways."

Mr. Forrest:—I beg to tender my apologies for mentioning the name at the hearing.

The Commission of Inquiry, appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Immigration Office, comprises His Honour Sir Atholl Macgregor (Chairman), Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. David Drummond, Mr. E. K. Woo and Mr. K. M. A. Barnett (Secretary).

FOOTBALL REFEREES' MEETING

An interesting and instructive talk on "the changes in the laws of the game and the effects thereof on football" was given by Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Referees' Association, held last night at the Hotel Cecil.

The meeting was well attended with Mr. Hugh A. Beard in the chair, supported by Mr. J. F. de Silva, Hon. Sec.

Mr. Wong said that the type of game played in 1890 must have been radically different from the present one. The early history of football in England and its nature were obscure.

Mr. Wong quoted extracts from the Encyclopedia of 1879. The early game was very rough and played mostly by the middle and lower classes and it was not until 1860 that there was a revival with the formation of the "Football Association."

17 RULES

"The laws of the game," went on Mr. Wong, "until they were wholly re-drafted in 1888, consisted of 17 rules as compared with 13 rules when they were first published."

Dealing with some changes of the rules, the speaker referred to the "off-side" and the "throw-in." Reviewing the last 15 years, Mr. Wong said there were several alterations, the more far-reaching of which were the "penalty kick," the "throw-in" and the "goal kick" rules.

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